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Reagan: Palestinians need a "homeland"

WASHINGTON —

For the first time, President Ronald Reagan has advocated a "homeland" for Palestinians and use of the term has aroused concern in pro-Israel circles here.

Ambassador Moshe Arens, returning to Israel as its new defence minister, retaliated that Palestinians already have a homeland — Jordan.

Reagan used the term while talking to editors and columnists here. "The Palestinian problem has to be a factor in the solution of the Arab-Israeli situation," he said. Then he added that "we can't go on with these people," meaning the Palestinians, without "providing something in the nature of a homeland."

But Reagan quickly interjected that, on the other hand, "no one has ever advocated creating a nation."

He went on to say that "the stake for Israel is security." He questioned whether Israel "can go on forever living as an armed camp."

Arens was reminded that President Jimmy Carter's call for a "homeland" in 1977 sparked anger in Israel. Arens called Reagan's remark a "repeat, maybe in somewhat different verbiage" of the previous administration's statement.

A spokesman for the U.S. state department said that Reagan's reference to a homeland was consistent with his "concern for a place the Palestinians could identify with."

SPECIAL MITZVAH

Yeshiva University's Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik [left] stresses the special mitzvah in holding weddings and bar mitzvahs in Israel. His meeting with Israel's tourism minister Abraham Sharir [right] followed the formation of the American Council for Tourism to Israel, made up of leaders belonging to the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, to promote more community visits to Israel. The American Jewish National Fund has switched its 1983 convention site from the U.S. to Eilat.

U.S. security offer declined by Israel

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

President Ronald Reagan last week offered to guarantee Israel's northern border once Israel withdraws from Lebanon, but the Israelis rejected the offer.

Reagan, in a speech to the American Legion, said: "This administration is prepared to take all necessary measures to guarantee the security of Israel's northern borders in the aftermath of the complete withdrawal of the Israeli army."

According to observers in Washington, Reagan raised the matter as an inducement to Israel to pull out of Lebanon without further delay. Reagan reportedly feels that Israeli-Lebanese talks on foreign troop withdrawals — which went into their 19th session this week — are proceding too slowly.

The President said the occupation of Lebanon by Israeli, Syrian and PLO forces could only "undermine the cause of peace."

Reagan's offer, however, was clouded in confusion.

His press secretary, asked what he had in mind, waffled. Reagan, he said, had not really gone beyond previous U.S. statements about Washington's commitment to Israel's security.

Then, distancing himself from the President, he explained there were "many, many options" for maintaining Israel's security in the north.

One of these was to increase the size of the multinational force patrolling Beirut. It consists of U.S., French, British and Italian troops.

As might have been expected, Israel reacted unfavorably to what seemed to some as half-baked formulations.

Traditionally, Israel has been loath to rely on anyone but itself for its defence, particularly in Lebanon. And so Israel's reply was quick in coming.

Yitzhak Shamir, the foreign minister, said a U.S. guarantee could not take the place of a formal Israeli agreement with Lebanon. "We are not asking now for American guarantees."

Shamir said Israel sought security arrangements in southern Lebanon that would enable it to maintain early warning stations manned by approximately 750 of its own troops.

A multinational force, he argued, could not prevent infiltration by Palestinian guerrillas. "The only parties who have the motivation to do it are Lebanon and Israel — Israel because it has to fight to defend its security, Lebanon because they have an interest in keeping their sovereignty over their territory."

In actual fact, Lebanon opposes the concept of Israeli warning stations, as do the Americans. George Shultz, the U.S. secretary of state, said that the presence of a permanent Israeli force in

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Orthodox, Evangelicals confer

An unprecedented meeting

By JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON —

"I love the nation Israel as a Christian."

That simple declaration by Rev. Adrian Rogers, past president of the 14,000,000-member Southern Baptist Conference, typified the harmonious tone of an unprecedented meeting held here last week in the Israeli embassy.

About a dozen Christian evangelical ministers and an equal number of Orthodox rabbis, speaking on behalf of hundreds of thousands of members of their individual faiths, met for two hours in what was heralded as a continuing dialogue in support of Israel.

The Rabbinical Council of America, the world's largest Orthodox rabbinic organization representing more than 1,000 rabbis of U.S. Orthodox Jewry, announced in a press release it was "the first meeting of its kind."

It said "the two religious communities are to devise a joint strategy to reharness White House support for the State of Israel."

A harmonious future was also forecast at a press conference by spokesmen for the two large evangelical organizations involved. One was Edward McAteer, founder of the Roundtable, a conservative religious group with 150,000 members in 200 U.S. chapters. The other was John Cummuta, operations manager of The National Religious Broadcasters, with some 2,000 U.S. radio and TV outlets.

McAteer said that "the significance" of this meeting is that "the Rabbinical Council of America — the largest group of its kind in the world — met with us at their invitation. This bodes well, not only for the biblical Israel we are interested in, but for the good of our nation and the Western world."

Rev. Adrian Rogers, of Memphis, said "because evangelicals feel so strongly about their own religion and want to evangelize [convert], it is unfortunate that this has created the impression in the Jewish community that we are your natural enemies.

"The very nature of Orthodox Christianity is to evangelize, and we would never deny that. But love for Israel is based on biblical teachings and is genuinely deep-rooted love."

Rogers characterized the embassy meeting as one of "conviviality and commonality" and "very embryonic."

He forecast that "some of the misconceptions we had inflicted towards Jews and Jews towards Christians will be erased."

Rogers declared that the Christians and Jews would not be "homogenized" and that they were "not compromising" on religion, while "trying to find points of commonality."

Dr. John F. Walvoord, president of Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, appealed for support of Israel sovereignty

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Arabs are said peace obstacle

WASHINGTON —

The executive council of the 14,000,000 members of the American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations says it is "disturbed" by the Reagan administration's suggestion Israel is the chief obstacle to withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon.

In keeping with traditional support of Israel, the AFL-CIO leadership said the "fact" is that the Syrians have not agreed to withdraw, and pockets of PLO forces also remain in Lebanon.

"Indeed, the Syrians are now being resupplied with Soviet anti-aircraft missiles, accompanied by Soviet military personnel in place in Lebanon," the statement said.

"It is unrealistic to expect Israel to complete a withdrawal from Lebanon, in the absence of arrangements assuring that Israel's northern borders will not be vulnerable to attacks from southern Lebanon.

"The chief obstacle to peace in the Middle East," the labor union organization statement said, is "still the refusal of the Arab governments, except Egypt, to recognize Israel's right to exist, coupled with the refusal so far of Jordan's King Hussein to enter the Camp David peace process."

MacEachen at CIC parley

OTTAWA —

Allan MacEachen, deputy Prime Minister of Canada and secretary of state for external affairs,

Allan MacEachen

will speak on the Canadian government's current policy on the Arab-Israeli conflict at the Canada-Israel Committee annual policy conference here on March 16.

A native of Nova Scotia, MacEachen has been a Member of Parliament for Inverness Richmond since 1953. Other portfolios he has held in the cabinet include health and welfare, manpower and immigration and finance. He has also served as president of the Privy Council and government leader in the House of Commons.

For other speakers who will be heard at the CIC conference see story on page 4.

An opportunity to say kaddish

NEW YORK [JTA] —

Declaring it "unthinkable that in a place drenched with Jewish blood there should not be Jews to bear witness and recite Kaddish," the World Jewish Congress governing board has decided "in principle" that the WJC will participate in the solemn commemoration of the 40th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising to be held in Warsaw in April.

The governing board, following the deliberation of some 100 delegates from 27 countries who met last month in Washington, has also recommended that WJC member communities participate in the observance as well.

In a letter to the Jewish communities of 67 nations, Gerhart Riegner, secretary-general of the WJC, has advised all the member communities of the decision to "send a high-level delegation to participate in ceremonies which will be organized in Warsaw."

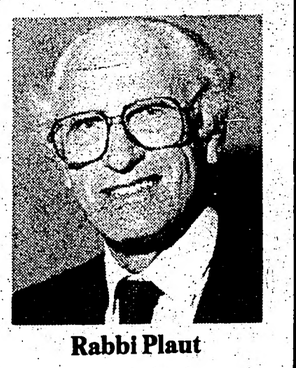
At the same time, he invited each member community to send a delegation of limited size to attend the ceremonies.

Focus again on war crimes

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

Suddenly it is all about us. For some years, the subject of Nazi war criminals was, or appeared to be off the agenda in most countries. During the last few months it has come back into public focus with extraordinary force.

In Canada the Rauca affair was splashed across the headlines. Though it did not presage a fundamental change in the attitude of the Canadian government, it was nonetheless encouraging to see that not all doors were closed. The Jewish community — and a number of people outside of it — have become more convinced than ever that the continued liberty enjoyed by some of the worst representatives of the human race right here in Canada is an affront to our humanity.



Rabbi Plaut

In Paris the redoubtable Simon Wiesenthal, who more than anyone else in the world has directed the public's attention to the need for prosecuting war criminals, has reiterated that Dr. Josef Mengele, the infamous Auschwitz selector, was hiding on the Uruguay-Paraguay border as recently as last December and that his precise whereabouts were known. He implied that some attempts are again being made to obtain the extradition of Mengele.

While in Germany itself war crimes trials have never quite disappeared from public view, newspapers have of late given voice to their disappointment that these trials seem to take forever and that the longer they drag out any actual proof of the accused's misdeeds is constantly harder to obtain. Fortunately there are men like Hermann Weissing, Dortmund's public prosecutor, who at great personal risk has kept up the pressure. German newspapers have commented at length on his pursuit of two notorious Nazis, Westerheide and Zelle, who are accused of murder in German-occupied Ukraine in 1942. Charges against them were preferred over 20 years ago. The trials were slow to start and have now gone through several judicial instances. Still, Weissing does not let go.

But now comes Simone Veil, former president of the European parliament and herself a survivor of Auschwitz, who says that she "has had enough" of trials of former Nazis and Nazi collaborators. In an interview with Le Monde she said: "My views on this subject might shock some and might be misunderstood by others, but 40 years after the war I have had enough of these trials."

She was asked whether she considered the apprehension of Dr. Mengele therefore to be no longer relevant. No, she said, she would make an exception with him because he was a special case. In her view, people who committed war crimes or crimes against humanity and are only now being found out "should not be permitted to continue leading normal, quiet, everyday lives." Because she believes that the public revelation of their former acts is sufficient punishment she would rule out any further legal proceedings.

I disagree. At a time when widespread efforts are under way to deny the occurrence of the Holocaust altogether, and when others want to pass it off as an inevitable by-product of mankind's greatest war, the particular nature of these heinous crimes needs to be emphasized time and again.

In the not too distant future all the actors in these horrible dramas will be dead, and the question of war crimes trials will be removed from humanity's agenda. But not yet. The dead cry out for justice and so must the living.

Vietnamese greet their New Year

TEL AVIV [JTA] —

The Year of the Pig was celebrated in Israel last week. It was marked by the 330-member Vietnamese community — the Boat People — who fled the Communist regime in Vietnam and were granted refuge by Israel in 1977

The Vietnamese held a party at the community centre in Azor, a town near Tel Aviv where they live. They greeted their new year with traditional dances in their native costumes and a feast of Vietnamese dishes.

Of the 450 Vietnamese who landed in Israel six years ago, about 120 have left for other countries.

Palestine National Council endorses Fez proposals

Reagan peace plan imperiled by PLO

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The Palestine National Council has delivered what may very well be the coup de grace to President Ronald Reagan's peace plan.

The PNC, the PLO's parliament-in-exile, administered two resounding blows. It refused to accept his Sept. 1 proposals as "a sound basis for a just and lasting solution to the Palestine problem and the Arab-Israeli conflict." And it ruled out the possibility of granting a mandate to Jordan, or non-PLO Palestinians, to negotiate on its behalf.

By approving this plank, the PNC probably spelled finis to the much-touted but maligned Reagan plan, which Israel has already rejected. It is now doubtful whether King Hussein of Jordan will enter the Camp David peace process. Consequently, the Reagan plan may have died a stillborn death.

Reagan called for Palestinian self-determination in association with Jordan, but not for a Palestinian state. He also urged Israel to impose an immediate freeze on settlement activity on the West Bank.

From the beginning, his suggestions for an Arab-Israeli settlement were the object of skepticism.

Israel, in addition to rejecting them, announced plans to build new settlements. The PLO denounced the American scheme. Jordan made it clear it would not commit itself to the plan unless the PLO gave it its blessing.

Saudi Arabia waffled, and only Egypt and Lebanon came out clearly and unequivocably in favor of it.

For these reasons, the Reagan administration hoped that the PNC, at its meeting in Algiers, would be able to transcend the rhetoric of militancy and move dramatically toward acceptance of its plan.

If the PLO had done so, Jordan could have become a full-fledged participant in peace talks — a prospect Israel would have welcomed. Even then, there would have been problems, given Jordan's negative position on Israeli settlements.

In theory, the PLO had an interest in encouraging King Hussein to negotiate with Israel on its behalf, since negotiations could have led to a PLO-U.S. rapprochement and further American pressure on Israel to change its policies.

But in the wake of the Algiers meeting, this scenario remains firmly fixed in the realm of fiction.

In turning thumbs down on the Reagan plan, and endorsing the Arab League's Fez plan instead, the PLO has missed what some observers thought was a golden opportunity to outmaneuver Israel.

George Habash

At Fez, the Arabs defined the PLO as the Palestinians' sole representative, advocated a PLO-dominated Palestinian state and recognized by implication Israel's right to exist by proposing that the United Nations Security Council create "guarantees for peace for all states of the region."

The Fez plan was described by some Arab and Western diplomats as a victory for Arab moderates. But Israel dismissed it as a design for its eventual destruction. The Israelis argued that it was even worse then a plan put forward by the then Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia, who avoided mention of the PLO and endorsed the principle that "the countries" of the area had the right "to live in peace."

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the PLO, came to Algiers on record as having praised the "positive" qualities of the Reagan plan. But all along, he had his doubts, and they were reinforced by his more militant colleagues, including George Habash.

Habash, head of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, expressed resistance to any peace plans. As he put it: "All these are bombs and the aim is to empty the Palestinian revolution of its content."

Every settlement, he went on to say at PNC deliberations, "involves surrender."

The PLO, he advised, should wage a "war of attrition" against Israel from bases in Jordan, Syria and Egypt. The proposal was a complete non-starter, given the reality that Jordan, Syria or Egypt would be highly adverse to such a situation.

In the end, the PLO — which re-elected Arafat as its chairman — disregarded the admonitions of Habash, opted for the Fez plan and said it would consider the Reagan plan if "minor" changes were added to it.

Saleh Khalef, Arafat's right-hand man, said in an interview that the PLO would seriously consider the plan if the U.S. acquiesced to the idea of an independent Palestinian state.

Under such conditions, he explained, the PLO would have permitted Palestinian mayors from the West Bank to negotiate with the U.S. or Israel.

King Hussein, too, could have taken part in talks under these circumstances.

The Reagan administration, however, is not likely to nibble at the bait. Like previous presidents, Reagan is bound to a 1975 pledge to Israel not to establish direct relations with the PLO unless it recognizes Israel and renounces terrorism.

The PLO, in turn, won't risk a deeper split in its ranks by accepting the Reagan plan as it is presently constituted.

Although the PLO refused to give King Hussein a mandate to negotiate with Israel and/or the U.S., the 350 delegates in Algiers declared they envisaged a confederation with Jordan once a Palestinian state was created.

This resolution, grounded as it is in wishful thinking, does not advance by an iota Reagan's hope that Palestinian self-determination can be achieved within the context of a confederation between Jordan and the Palestinians of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Significantly, Arafat overrode hard-liners like Habash who oppose contact with Israelis who have not disavowed Zionism. The PNC said that he could continue to meet Israelis, Zionists or non-Zionists, or "Jewish progressive and democratic forces," so as to serve "the interests of the Palestinian people."

At the same time, the PNC barred Issam Sartawi, a leading proponent of dialogue with Israelis, from the podium. Much to the probable glee of Habash and his associates, he resigned from the PNC, thereby confirming the fact that the PLO is rent by factionalism.

Soviet Jewry conference

Canadian MPs will attend

By
TAMMY KAROL

MONTREAL —

Some 75 Canadians are expected to attend the third International Conference on Soviet Jewry in Jerusalem March 15-17.

About 1,000 delegates from 35 countries around the world plan to take part in the 3-day meeting, which will be addressed by Prime Minister Menachem Begin; Simone Veil of Paris, former president of the Parliament of Europe; Soviet Jewish activists who have since immigrated to Israel; and leading American civic and intellectual figures.

Marty Penn, director of the Montreal Committee for Soviet Jewry of Canadian Jewish Congress said Canadian delegates will include: Liberal MP David Smith, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry, NDP House leader Ian Deans, Conservative MP John Bosley, and Penny Collenette chairperson of the Parliamentary Spouses Committee for Soviet Jewry and wife of Liberal MP David Collenette.

Penn, who will also be participating in the conference, said the Canadian Members of Parliament will be speaking at special forums for government representatives.

Other key Canadian participants will be CJC president Irwin Cotler and Prof. Rene Simard, who is on the faculty of medicine at the University of Montreal.

Simard, internationally renowned for his work in cancer research, will deliver a paper on scientists' lack of freedom in the Soviet Union.

He will be speaking at a special session for scientists.

The Soviet Jewry conference will be attended by nearly 500 American Jewish leaders and many non-Jewish American figures.

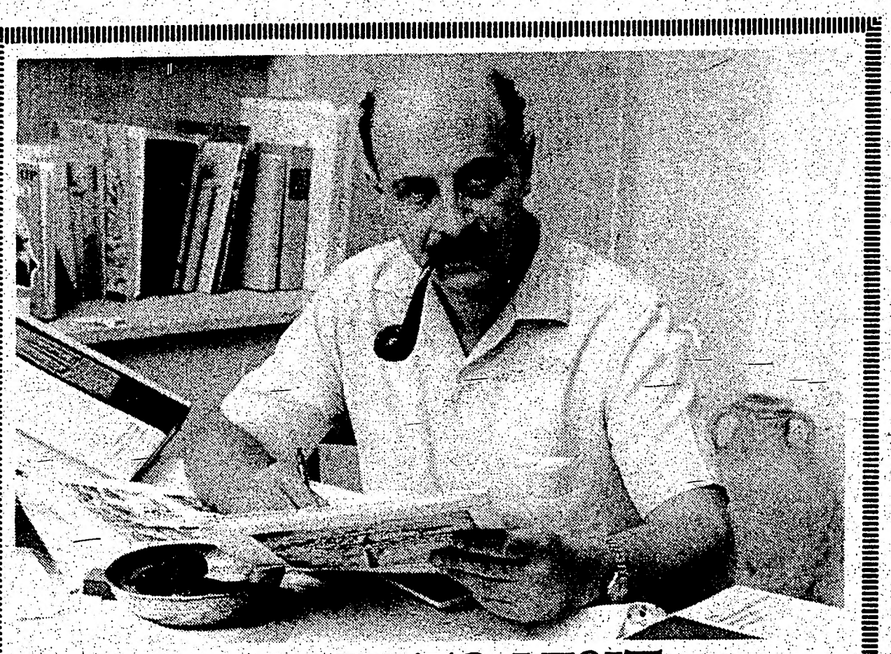
U.S. participants include Father Robert F. Drinan, president of Americans for Democratic Action, Ambassador Max Kampelman, head of the U.S. delegation to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, and Paul Flory of Stanford University, a Nobel laureate in chemistry.

The opening ceremony will be chaired by Leon Dulzin, chairman of the World Praesidium of Soviet Jewry and chairman of the Jewish Agency.

Canadian sponsor for the conference is the Canadian Jewish Congress.

American organizational sponsors are the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations and the National Conference on Soviet Jewry.

The March conference is a continuation of world meetings that were held in Brussels in 1971 and 1976 under auspices of national Soviet Jewry groups in more than 20 countries and three international organizations: World Jewish Congress, World Zionist Organization and B'nai B'rith International.



YADIN TO VISIT

Yigael Yadin, archeologist and former Israeli deputy prime minister, will address gatherings later this month in Montreal and Toronto on behalf of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

Kalanit, in central Galil

Calgary's Henry and Sara Libin dedicate moshav

By YEHONATHAN TOMMER

JERUSALEM —

In a warm and intimate atmosphere reminiscent of a family reunion, Henry and Sara Libin of Calgary dedicated the moshav of Kalanit in Israel's central Galilee. Mr. and Mrs. Libin became the patrons of the new agricultural village through a contribution which made it possible for Jewish National Fund to prepare the entire infrastructure on which the new settlement came into being.

Moshe Rivlin, chairman of the board of JNF, dignitaries, close friends of the Libin family and residents of Kalanit, attended the impressive ceremony. Kalanit is one of 14 new villages within Galil Canada, a $35,000,000 infrastructure development undertaken by Jewish National Fund of Canada.

Moshav Kalanit, situated some 10 minutes from Tiberias, commands a splendid view of the Sea of Galilee. It is now home for 33 religiously - observant young families whose parents pioneered the nearby immigrant moshavim of Dalton and Alma in the 1950s.

At Kalanit, the second generation is carrying on in the farming tradition of their parents by growing an assortment of flowers and vegetables under controlled hothouse conditions. Eventually it is hoped that 100 families will reside in this new settlement.

The Libins have dedicated the development of Kalanit to their five grandchildren — two living in Israel and three in Canada.

"Ever since I was 12 years old and worked for the Keren Kayemeth in White Russia, I dreamed of landing in Israel some day," Mr. Libin said.

That was 70 years ago.

Instead, in 1922, after the Communist revolution, he followed two brothers to Canada and settled in Calgary. Thirty years later, he established a thriving industrial real estate business.

The Libins remained in Canada but their daughter, Libi Spiro, came on aliya over 17 years ago. Since then, Mr. and Mrs. Libin have visited Israel regularly.

Last year Henry Libin attended a dedication ceremony at Kibbutz Lotem in Galil Canada; he was honored as the First Trustee of the project for his contribution of $250,000 toward village land reclamation. This year he increased his gift to over $1 million.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Libin are presented with antique jug from Moshav Kalanit area by Moshe Rivlin.

Libin also contributes regularly to religious and educational institutions in Israel — among them Bar-Ilan University, the Technion and the Weizmann Institute of Science. In addition, he contributes to such lesser known institutions as Ramot Shapira for orphans and children from broken homes, near Jerusalem, as well as to a school in Acre sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO.

Referring to Henry and Sara Libin's contribution to Kalanit as "a day of rejoicing," Jewish National Fund director of Ontario, Kurt Weinberg, said: "This is a truly wonderful act by a wonderful family. The Galilee is vital to Israel's strategic security and, by strengthening it, Mr. and Mrs. Libin are helping encourage an increased Jewish population for this area, which has such a rich Jewish history and heritage."

Rabbi I. Weinstein, director of Ramot Shapira, said that Henry and Sara Libin were realizing an ambition dear to their hearts. "They are fulfilling a mitzvah by helping to make barren hillsides in Galilee productive and allowing pioneers to come and develop them."

Haim Menahem, deputy chairman of the Regional Council, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Libin for their contribution to the moshav. "But a synagogue, kindergarten, moshav offices and a grocery still have to be built," he said. Referring to the overall region, he continued: "We are facing a tremendous challenge, and many more people with technical knowhow and pioneering spirit must be absorbed in Galilee."

Libin's sabra grandchildren, Guy and Mira Spiro, also thanked their grandparents for dedicating Moshav Kalanit in their honor.

Stressing the "real meaning" of the dedication at Kalanit, Moshe Rivlin, said: "The Libins constitute a link between Kalanit and a third generation of pioneers who will continue the task of developing Galilee between its historic centres at Safed and Tiberias. Jews used to live here and were expelled, but they are coming back. We are one people and the distance between Canada and Galilee is not really that great."

Rivlin promised that the JNF would help landscape the grounds at Kalanit and that a permanent dedication plaque would be installed in recognition of the Libins' assistance.

To mark the Jewish National Fund's appreciation to Henry and Sara Libin Rivlin presented the couple with an ancient vase, recently discovered in Galilee and dating back to the period of the Second Temple.

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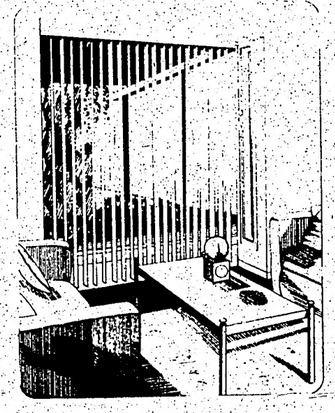

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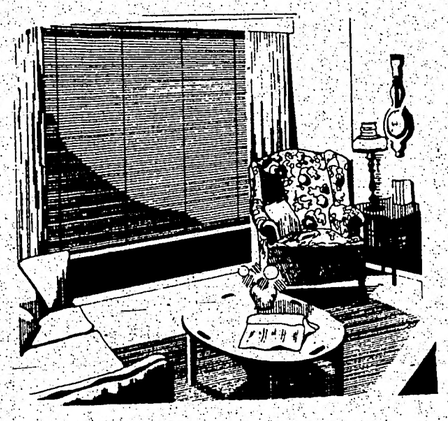

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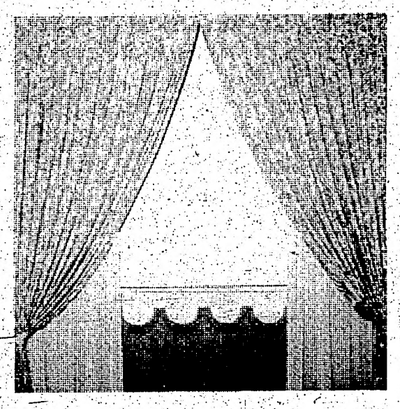

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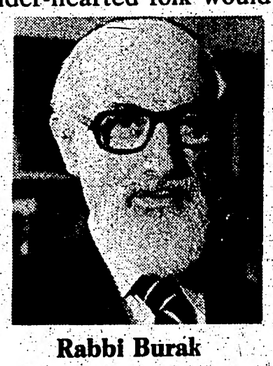
By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: From the standpoint of our religion, how important is the work done by Simon Wiesenthal?

There is an insufficiency in the multitude's understanding of the significance of Wiesenthal's work. Some tender-hearted folk would prefer that we forget all about the monsters who caused rivers of Jewish blood to fertilize the soil of Europe. They would like us to take the attitude that since so many years have passed, there is a statute of limitations which has freed them from all possible prosecution for those crimes. But, Jewish history, as seen in Torah and Talmud, shows us the incorrectness of such ideas.



Rabbi Burak

In the Torah, we see all our troubles coming from Amalek and his descendants. Haman was a lineal descendant of Amalek. Had Amalek been destroyed there would have been no Haman. But, if this principle is true, where did all the latter-day Amaleks come from? Do we not read in the Book of Esther, Chapter 7:10 that "they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordechai." And are we not told, in Esther 9:10, that the 10 sons of Haman were slain? Then, where did the new crop of Amalekim come from?

The Book of Esther may help us find the answer to this question. In Chapter 5:11 it tells us that Haman fetched his friends and his wife Zeresh: "And Haman recounted unto them the glory of his riches and the multitude of his sons."

We can understand why Haman had to tell his wife and his associates all about his great wealth. After all, the poor woman didn't know his exact worth or the number of his bank accounts. But, was it necessary to tell the mother of his children and his friends how many sons he had? Didn't they know?

The Talmud, in Tractate Megillah, 15B, tells us that Haman had many more sons than those listed in the Bible. The word **multitude** gives it away. Ten sons do not constitute a multitude. He may have had, on the record, only one wife, but his amours and conquests were many.

According to the Talmud, his sons numbered 214, which is the numerical value of the Hebrew word, verov, the multitude. Thus, whatever might happen to his official family, the remaining sons who were unknown to the general public would supply future generations of troublemakers, the future murderers of Israel's innocent sons. That's what Haman told his wife and his friends.

The Nazis are the progeny of Amalek. Those who murdered our defenceless brothers should be brought to justice. They should not have been allowed to enjoy some 40 years of liberty and luxury after the crimes they committed. Nor should they have been allowed to spawn a new generation of vipers. Wiesenthal has worked hard to bring the criminals to justice. He has faced obstruction from many governments who are hesitant to allow it to become known just what type of citizens they have taken in.

In the end, only the Almighty can bring them to justice, as the Passover haggadah makes clear in its citation from Lamentations 3:66: "Thou wilt pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of the Eternal."

Holocaust Documentation Project receives more federal funding

By
WESLEY GOLDSTEIN

MONTREAL — The Canadian Jewish Congress has received additional funds from the multicultural directorate of Canada for the completion of the Holocaust Documentation Project, an audio-visual presentation on various aspects of European Jewish life during the Nazi years.

The grant of $51,800 is in addition to $179,000 approved last year by the directorate. Production of the project began last year, but was delayed in September as Congress awaited approval of the additional funds.

The project is now expected to be completed by May, in time for the CJC 20th Plenary Assembly to be held in Montreal.

Divided into 20 "themes," HDP is a series of interviews conducted by Montreal journalist Josh Freed with Canadian survivors, non-Jewish inmates, military liberators and "righteous gentiles," who give personalized accounts of what transpired at the time.

The project is aimed mainly at high school and university students, and will come equipped with individualized teaching kits for each theme. These will include historical background, lesson plans with methods of incorporating tapes into the classrooms, specific issues for follow-up discussion, and a bibliography of further available material.

The material will be available for worldwide distribution, and will be on permanent deposit in Canada's Public Archives in Ottawa, the Yad Vashem in Israel, and in major Holocaust study centres in North America.

"The world has witnessed recent attempts to negate the Holocaust and thereby distort historical reality," said Aba Beer, chairman of CJC's Holocaust Remembrance Committee. "This project seeks to document the truth."

"It will be Canada's unique and significant contribution to the existing body of Holocaust documentation material."

Congress also announced it has received another multicultural grant for the completion of another major project, entitled Aids to Combat Racism.

The federal department, headed by Secretary of State Jim Fleming, has now contributed $110,000 to the project.

Last year the department granted $40,000 for an audiovisual presentation designed to challenge audiences to confront their attitudes about other ethnic and racial groups, before moving on to an exploration of alternatives to racism.

This year, the directorate granted an additional $70,000 to Congress for the completion of a Legal Manual on Race Relations.

The manual will contain some 130 pages, and will be aimed primarily at non-lawyers, civil rights groups and ethnic organizations.

It will contain an historical overview of the nature and development of racism in Canada, an analysis of the present state of race relations in Canada, and an identification of remedies available to combat racism.

"This manual will facilitate access to Canada's legal structures by providing a step-by-step approach to utilizing existing legal avenues to combat all forms of racism and discrimination," said Stan Urman, executive director of CJC.

Influencing the public topic at CIC parley

OTTAWA — Martin Goldfarb, an expert in researching public opinion, and Hugh Segal, a former advisor to Ontario Premier William Davis, will speak at the Canada-Israel Committee's annual policy conference here on March 16 on "The ABCs of gaining access to and influencing Canadian public policy."

Martin Goldfarb

Hugh Segal

The conference takes place at the Skyline Hotel.

Goldfarb is president of Goldfarb Consultants, a company which polls the Canada public on numerous issues. His clients include political parties and major industries. His firm employs close to 50 people many of whom are trained in economics, political science, human behavioral science and computer science.

Hugh Segal, president of the Advance Planning Group of Companies, was associate secretary of the cabinet for federal-provincial relations in the Ontario government until last December. He served as a senior advisor to the government during the Quebec referendum, energy discussions and constitutional negoatiations and was a member of the constitutional delegations from Ontario. He currently writes a weekly column for the Toronto Star.

Nominations deadline

MONTREAL — April 29 is the deadline for nominations for national officer positions of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Elections for the positions of president, national executive chairman, national executive associate chairman, treasurer, secretary and honorary counsel will take place on Sunday, May 15, at the closing session of the 20th Plenary Assembly in Montreal.

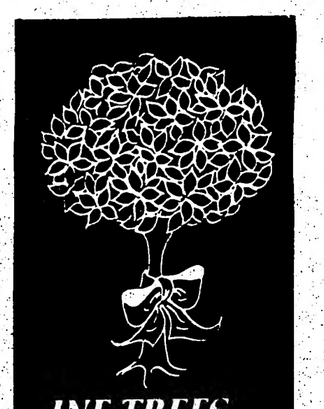
The nominations committee, chaired by CJC past president Monroe Abbey, has sent notices to all national and regional organizations, setting out the procedure for nominations, forms and the duties of each national office.

According to Abbey, for nominations to be valid, they must be in writing, signed by five members of Congress, and include the nominee's name, address, signature, 100-word curriculum vitae, desired position, and be accompanied by a certificate of eligibility from the appropriate official of the local community campaign.

A list of nominees will be included in alphabetical order in the Plenary delegate kits.

On April 15, the list of nominations received to date will be published in The Canadian Jewish News, the Western Jewish News, and the Jewish Post.

Nominations should be sent to Monroe Abbey - Nominations Committee Plenary Assembly 1983, 1590 Dr. Penfield Ave., Montreal, H3G-1C5.



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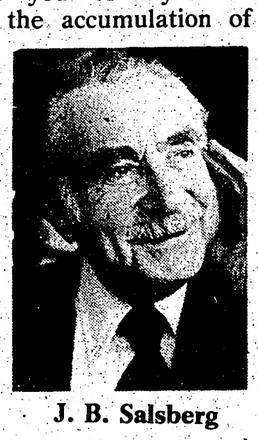
Happy to return

Uncle Eliezer's version of Florida, its natives

By
J. B. SALSBERG

I am happy to be back with you, my esteemed readers, and to meet, once again, in this privileged corner of The CJN.

On my return from Florida I noticed that the paper assured you of my total preoccupation with the accumulation of materials that reflect the trials and tribulations of our brethren who flock to that strange corner of America during the winter months. Well, I did that — to a degree. But, I must confess, that I failed to comprehend the essential features of that strange lifestyle.



J. B. Salsberg

In short, I was, and I remained, puzzled by much of what I saw. I found a strong element of unreality about it all.

I can appreciate the normal life that the native Jewish Floridians live. They do what all people do elsewhere; they are occupied with making a living, raising a family and nurturing the typical Jewish community infrastructure that Jews elsewhere are also busy with.

I can also rationalize the way of life of the thousands of Jews from the wintery north who, like non-Jews, come to Florida for a few weeks of rest and enjoyment of Florida's warm climate and its becoming beaches. I also accept those who, for reasons of health, spend the entire winter in Florida.

But I am amazed by the growing number of American and Canadian Jews, older people of normal good health, who join thousands like themselves to become permanent residents in "villages" of five, ten and twenty thousand populations to end their days in those surroundings. Imagine planning to live permanently with old people, deprived of the younger generations and to become totally dedicated to the search of ways to fill their time!

It strikes me as being an unnatural way of living.

Even in the sector of the all-winter residents, those who return to their established homes, family and friends at Passover time, even the people of this category fail, in the main, to fill their time with stimulating, absorbing social and cultural content.

But my good uncle Eliezer and his bosom friend, Mendle, think that I am too harsh in my judgment of Jewish life in Florida. They believe that while there are good reasons for being critical and demanding, there are also many positive aspects to life in that part of North America that I fail to take note of. They may have a point and I'm always ready to learn.

I should explain that my uncle and his friend have been going to Florida for the greater part of each winter for some time now. They keep a low profile there because they, too, had many reservations about wintering in Florida. They finally gave in to the pressure of their children and the ill-concealed desires of their wives.

They were critical of the Miami Beach lifestyle when they first arrived but gradually acquired an appreciation of many aspects of the life they found. Though sharing many of my critical reservations they began to see "both sides of the situation," as they say.

Uncle Eliezer agrees that the "villages" of the aged are like islands to which the retirees commit themselves for the balance of their lives. "But," emphasized Mendle, "there are thousands of retired people who live here all year who would not be alive if they had remained in places like New York, Boston or Toronto."

Uncle Eliezer made a big point of the thousands of retired garment workers who fare better in the warm climate of Florida, even though they are obliged to manage on the meagre social security checks and the supplementing small union pension benefits. I couldn't argue against such obvious facts.

One sunny morning my uncle, accompanied by Mendle, took me on a tour of the old, poor areas of Miami Beach. Thousands of retired Jewish garment workers still live in that area, sharing it with Cubans and other recently arrived immigrants from Central American countries. We saw them sitting on their own folding chairs in the tiny parkettes that dot the recently extended beach areas, engaged in conversations or "looking into a sefer" (a sacred book) as we saw a few venerable, bearded, old gentlemen doing.

Then my good hosts took me to a relatively new community centre that is operated by the city in the heart of the old district and very close to the oceanfront. It was noon and we saw some two or three hundred elderly people, mostly Jewish, seated at long tables in the main hall of the centre where they were served lunch for 25 cents per person.

Uncle Eliezer noticed my shocked glances and he said: "Of course they are poor, but they are all dressed in light summer clothes and they will all be on the beach after the meal. What would happen to them if they had remained in the poor areas of America's northern cities in mid-winter?"

I had to confess that it was not a joyous sight, that after a lifetime of hard work they deserved better, but it was preferable to being in Boston or New York during the harsh winters of that part of America.

So you see, my dear readers, there is more than one Florida in Florida and no single segment of that warm state reflects a picture of the area as a whole. It is, as they say in Yiddish, "a velt mit veltelech."

Southern Florida is a fertile field for a scholarly, sociological study of Jewish life in that evolving, multi-faceted Jewish centre of North America. Such a study would reveal much that is new in our existence and, I'm certain, much that needs to be improved.

Court backs marriage pacts in Jewish faith

NEW YORK —

Jewish marriage contracts that require spouses to obtain divorces from special religious panels may be enforced by state courts, the New York State Court of Appeals ruled last month.

The court, the state's highest, held 4 to 3 that the marriage contracts which are signed by Orthodox and Conservative Jews are binding civil contracts as well as religious covenants.

The New York Times reported in a story on Feb. 16 that the court held that marriage contracts can be enforced without entangling the state inexcessively in religious covenants.

"That the obligations undertaken by the parties to the ketubah [marriage contract] are grounded in religious belief and practice does not preclude enforcement of its secular terms," Associate Judge Sol Wachtler wrote for the majority.

Added Wachtler: "Nor does the fact that all of the ketubah's provisions may not be judicially recognized prevent the court from enforcing that portion of the agreement by which the parties promised to refer their disputes to a nonjudicial forum."

The ruling, believed to be the first of its kind in the U.S., was hailed by various Orthodox and Conservative Jewish groups, according to The Times.

They contend that it would force recalcitrant spouses to honor contractual obligations and would make it easier for Jewish couples seeking divorces to do so within the faith.

In recent years, The Times reported, Jewish spouses have effectively prevented their mates from obtaining Jewish divorces. The spouses can do so by failing to appear in person before the panel for the divorce to be granted.

Jews are unable to remarry within the Orthodox and Conservative branches of the faith without a get, even though they have obtained civil divorces.

Jewish law further provides that children born to women who remarry civilly without a get are illegitimate. The children of men who do so are considered legitimate under Jewish law.

The New York Court of Appeals decision came in the case of Susan Roe Avitzur of Albany, who, though legally divorced in 1978, has since been unable to remarry within the Orthodox or Conservative branches of the faith because her estranged husband would not appear before a Beth Din.

Mrs. Avitzur and her former husband, Boaz, were married in Westbury, Long Island in 1966, The Times reported. Before the ceremony they signed a Hebrew-Aramaic and English version of the ketubah, which bound them to bring any marital disputes to the Beth Din at the Jewish Theological Seminary.

Avitzur was granted a civil divorce on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment in May 1978, but he resisted Mrs. Avitzur's efforts to bring him before the religious panel.

Under Jewish law, according to The Times, Mrs. Avitzur became an agunah — in a state of limbo, neither married nor divorced.

She subsequently sued Avitzur for breach of contract and a state trial court agreed to hear the case. But her suit was later dismissed by the Appelate Division of State Supreme Court which held that the ketubah was a liturgical document with no legal effects in secular courts.

In his opinion, The Times reported, Judge Wachtler stressed that Mrs. Avitzur was seeking simply to compel her former husband "to perform a secular obligation to which he contractually bound himself."

According to The Times, Judge Wachtler compared the ketubah to other secular agreements such as pledges to submit all disputes to arbitration.

"In this regard, no doctrinal issue need be passed upon, no implementation of a religious duty is contemplated, and no interference with religious authority will result," he said.

The case now returns to state trial court, which must decide whether, under the terms of the ketubah, Avitzur must appear before the religious panel.

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Editorial

Threat of extinction

A recent survey points to the felicitous observation that there are now more than 400 universities and colleges in North America offering courses in Jewish studies.

This is a far cry from what the situation was 25 years ago when only a handful of Ivy League campuses taught the discipline, along with a similar number of rabbinical schools.

The change has been a dramatic one indeed; it has been prompted by a number of factors including the impact of the State of Israel and the emphasis on ethnic factors in society.

While the widespread presence of Jewish studies in the university curriculum is something to be applauded, close scrutiny of the phenomenon reveals a number of disquieting elements.

For one thing, current budgetary restraints are affecting Jewish study programs as they are all courses in the humanities. In an age of computer-oriented disciplines, the pursuit of ideas and culture seems to be depreciated.

Consequently Jewish study offerings are on the wane; on some campuses there are ominous signs that they will be phased out. At the University of Manitoba in Canada, for example, one of the continent's strongest Jewish studies program, is under threat of extinction.

In addition to external financial pressures Jewish study programs are undergoing some internal problems. One of the issues that is being hotly debated is the presence of Holocaust courses within the framework of the curriculum.

In many of the universities where courses on Jewish life and thought are taught, the only course that attracts a large enrolment is the one that deals with the Holocaust. In some universities the only Jewish studies course available is Holocaust-oriented.

No one, of course, disputes the rectitude of such offerings. There is much contention, however, over a unidimensional focus which makes Holocaust courses the centre or the major thrust of a Jewish studies curriculum.

If a department or academic unit can offer only one or two courses, is it appropriate that the Holocaust be prominent among the offerings? While this is not a question which bothers the Jewish community at large, it is one that is generating much controversy in the corridors of academe.

This issue is made all the more unsettling by the argument now being ventilated in certain circles that teaching the Holocaust at the university level is an act of trivialization.

The debate goes on. . . .

Music popularized

Alfred Wallenstein, who died the other day at 84, brought music to the airwaves.

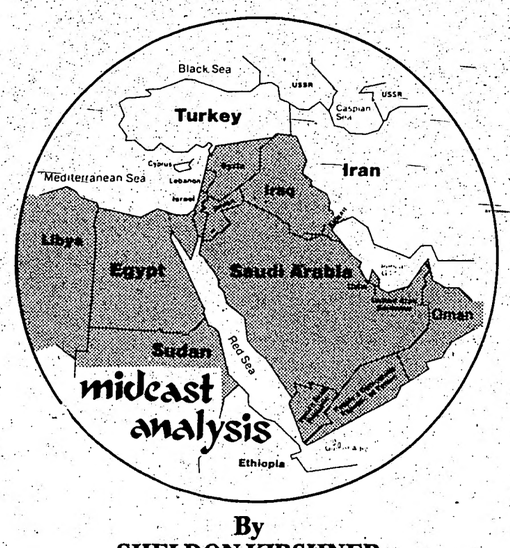
One of the first American-born conductors to achieve national prominence in the U.S., he broke new ground by introducing classical concerts to radio when it was in its relative infancy.

Long music director of the Los Angeles Philharmonic, which he fashioned into a major ensemble, Wallenstein presented works by the greats and the newcomers to the field of music composition.

Wallenstein popularized classical music . . . and he will be remembered for it.

U.S. Marines, Israeli army collide

Clashes symptomatic of deeper problem



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Caspar Weinberger, the U.S. secretary of defence, is not viewed in Israel with the greatest of admiration. Israelis who've watched him complain that he has been single-mindedly critical of Israel, particularly since the beginning of the year.

Weinberger, they charge, has blown out of all proportion a series of relatively minor incidents in southern Beirut involving the Israeli army and the U.S. Marines attached to the multinational peace contingent. There have been six such encounters — Jan. 5, 6, 8, 11 and Feb. 2 — and they have added to the tension that already characterizes U.S.-Israel relations.

The confrontations, which have not involved French or Italian troops of the multinational peacekeeping force, stem from the fact that Palestinian guerrillas, having begun to regroup after their stunning setback in the war, have taken to attacking Israeli patrols around the Lebanese capital.

Israel, charging that the Palestinians have launched their hit-and-run raids from behind U.S. lines, claims they've used the Marines as a shield. The Marines disclaim knowledge of that. Several Israelis have been killed in these assaults.

The incidents, in the main, have followed a pattern.

After a Palestinian attack, Israeli units consisting of tanks and jeeps have approached a Marine checkpoint and asked for permission to enter the U.S. jurisdictional area or to speak to the officer in command.

Typically, Israel's requests have been rejected.

The U.S. position is that Israeli complaints vis-a-vis Palestinian infiltration should be discussed on the diplomatic level, not by military personnel.

To ease the situation, Israel issued a directive on Jan. 11 after an Israeli soldier reportedly pointed a machine gun at a Marine. Israeli soldiers were instructed not to cross an old railway line separating the multinational force and the Israeli army.

The Israelis found it necessary to issue the edict because of confusion surrounding the boundary.

Last September, Morris Draper, a senior U.S. diplomat, and Ariel Sharon, then Israel's minister of defence, signed a document defining Israeli and American operational zones.

By the terms of the Draper-Sharon protocol, the Marines would be permitted to maintain a forward post — a salient, really — on the campus of Reihan University, inside the Israeli sector.

But the agreement was simply too vague, as subsequent incidents proved beyond a doubt.

On Jan. 25, a meeting was called to iron out existing problems, and it was attended by Draper, Col. Thomas Stokes, the Marine commander, and Gen. Amir Drori, Israel's commanding officer in Lebanon.

The boundary, they agreed once again, would be the railroad line. They also concurred that, by the good graces of the Israeli army, the Marines would remain at their observation post at Reihan University. To ensure the success of the arrangement, the parties decided to set up a "hot line."

The best-laid plans didn't work.

On Feb. 2, an incident erupted, and Caspar Weinberger appeared to go out of his way to publicize it. Israel did its best to play it down.

According to the Pentagon, three British-built Israeli Centurion tanks rumbled toward Marine company headquarters in the enclave of Reihan University. Capt. Charles Johnson, a 30-year-old Marine, stepped out to halt them about 300 yards from that position.

The Pentagon account says that Johnson asked to speak with the senior Israeli officer, a Col. Rafi. Johnson told him he had orders not to permit the tanks to pass. The Israeli said he intended to proceed, and wished to confer with a Marine general.

Johnson repeated his order. When the Israeli said he would go through in any case, Johnson mounted Col. Rafi's tank, drew and loaded his pistol and warned he could only pass "over my dead body." The lead Israel tank turned westward, as if to go around Johnson, and he jumped on it and drew his weapon again.

Casper Weinberger [left] confers with Yitzhak Shamir and Menachem Begin. [Uzi Keren photo]

Minor incidents were totally blown out of proportion

Col. Rafi, after communicating by radio with his base, headed back to Israeli lines.

Israel's story was quite different. The Israeli embassy in Washington denied that Col. Rafi had attempted to penetrate American lines, and U.S. officials in Beirut later admitted that his tanks were well within Israeli-designated territory.

By then, Kenneth Dam, the U.S. deputy secretary of state, had summoned Israel's charge d'affaires in Washington to lodge a protest. And Alan Romberg, the state department's spokesman, had said that "these recurring challenges by Israeli forces are unacceptable."

Weinberger made the most of the affair.

He commended Johnson's "courageous action" in the face of Israel's "threatening moves" and proposed that the Marine, by now a folk hero among Arabs, receive a medal for his trouble.

The Israelis were flabbergasted. Col. Rafi said he found the whole thing laughable and absurd, and Ha'aretz, an Israeli daily, reported that Johnson had alcohol on his breath when the incident occurred.

Jewish spokesmen in the U.S. were not amused either.

The American Jewish Congress, for example, accused Weinberger of indulging in "anti-Israel theatrics" and of exploiting and distorting the succession of incidents.

President Reagan was not bothered by the criticism.

Jumping on Weinberger's bandwagon and defending Johnson's actions, he commented that the Marine "did the only thing he could do."

The president suggested that it would be best if all foreigners — Israelis, Syrians and PLO fighters — withdrew from Lebanon. Last week, he repeated this suggestion.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, knowing that the U.S. was technically in the wrong, could have replied to the Americans. But, in a rare display of restraint, he chose silence instead — resisting appeals from some of his skittish ministers to state Israel's case.

Begin said he did not intend to play into the hands of those in the Reagan administration who sought to foment ill-feeling between Washington and Jerusalem.

Taking his lead from Begin, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir expressed the hope that the incidents would not affect Israel's basically friendly relationship with the U.S. His deputy said Israel considered the matter closed.

It may be, temporarily at least, but the root cause of the problem — Palestinian raids — has not been solved, and probably will not be as long as Israeli forces are in Lebanon.

Indeed, several days after Israel and the U.S. agreed to put up brightly painted barrels to denote the boundary separating their forces, Palestinian guerrillas detonated a bomb they had buried under a road normally used by Israeli convoys.

The Israeli wounded in the blast was none other than Col. Rafi, who had had some tense words with Captain Johnson.

Despite this incident, the U.S. has not yet acceded to an Israeli request to establish a joint committee to monitor truce violations committed by the Palestinians. Defence minister-designate Moshe Arens met Weinberger in Washington last week to discuss this and other Lebanon-related matters. But no formal accord was signed.

The Israelis are convinced that the U.S., led by Weinberger, has used the incidents near Beirut to facilitate a rapid Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon. It is no deep, dark secret in Jerusalem that the U.S. regards Israel's presence in Lebanon as illegitimate and suspects that Israel seeks something of a permanent military role in that divided nation.

Not surprisingly, Reagan, on Feb. 7, charged Israel with unnecessarily delaying a withdrawal and neglecting its "moral" obligation not to become an "occupying force" in Lebanon.

The Reagan administration supports Israel's demand for security arrangements in southern Lebanon and backs its quest for an eventual treaty with the Lebanese, but it thinks the Israelis are going about this heavy-handedly and therefore prolonging the impasse that has developed since last summer.

Israel disagrees with Washington's analysis, and it is the Israeli government's contention that the Lebanese crisis can be solved quickly if more understanding of its needs is displayed by the Americans and the Lebanese.

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Excellence goal of former track and field star

Abby Hoffman runs hard as head of Sport Canada

On Parliament Hill

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

OTTAWA —

Looking slim and trim, Abigail [Abby] Hoffman is as much on the run today as she was when she represented Canada as a world-class middle distance runner.

A member of the Canadian track and field team from 1962 to 1976, Hoffman competed in four Olympics, four American Games and two Commonwealth Games. In her prime, she held the Commonwealth record for the 800 metres and was Canadian champion at that distance for 13 years.

Now, as director of Sport Canada, she has made the transformation from athlete to bureaucrat. But life is still exceedingly hectic for her. Managing an agency with an annual budget of $38 million, Hoffman seems to rush from one meeting to another, hardly able to catch her breath.

"Yes, I'm quite busy," she says to a visitor whose appointment was cancelled at the last minute, then rescheduled for the following morning, because her presence was suddenly required in Toronto.

"Abby," her receptionist confides, "runs pretty hard."

Her curly brown hair graying, Hoffman has been head of Sport Canada since July of 1981. Reporting to the minister responsible for fitness and amateur sport, she has accepted the challenge of upgrading the quality of Canadian amateur athletics.

More specifically, Sport Canada's objectives are three-fold:

- To assist, promote and evaluate the development of high performance sport in Canada in conjunction with a variety of sport bodies such as the Canadian Figure Skating Association and the Coaching Association of Canada.
- To ensure that sport governing organizations function effectively.
- To provide leadership and help in those areas of sport that require co-ordination on a nation-wide level.

Hoffman, who works from an office tower built to house the now-defunct Ottawa Journal, wants to increase Canada's all-round performance level from the current 14th place to 10th on the international scene.

Canada finished 10th at the 1976 Montreal Olympics, and Hoffman, who participated in those games without success, believes Canadian sprinters, jumpers and javelin throwers can emulate the feat.

She also thinks that Canada has a fighting chance to do well at the 1988 winter Olympics in Calgary.

It is largely a question of money.

Hoffman, who argues that athletes are as entitled to government subsidies as artists, claims that a career in amateur sports in Canada is simply not lucrative.

But if Canada provided more financial incentives and developed as many as 3,000 to 5,000 coaches from the present 300, Canada could improve, she says, speaking in her rapid-fire style.

Sport Canada, she adds, should double its budget to $65 million. If such sums were made available, Canadian athletes with promise could postpone their university studies, or professional careers, and receive the best possible coaching and training.

"It's important for Canadians to excel in sport, and there is some sympathy for this goal in government. But the economic outlook is quite poor and, therefore, there is a reluctance to spend money on sport."

Indulging in a little day dreaming, Hoffman claims that Canada could be a second East Germany (whose athletes win prize after prize) if Sport Canada was endowed with a $255 million budget.

Since Hoffman is a realist, she'll have to make do with what is available. And she intends to spend it well. "We have to make choices as to what sports we'll support. Sport Canada supports 65 sports associations at the present. We should be more selective."

Hoffman, who is single and in her mid-30s, wants to sell the philosophy that excellence is worth striving for. "The mere idea of excellence is not part of the Canadian makeup," she says. "It is not fundamental to Canadians to be best at anything. It's different in Europe, where sports excellence is valued for its own sake."

As an athlete, she strove for the same kind of excellence she now advocates.

Born in Toronto, she got her first exposure to sport when, as a 9-year-old, she played hockey in an all-boys league under the name of Ab Hoffman. As soon as officials discovered she was a girl, they threw her out.

Inspired by her mother, Dorothy Medhurst, an authority on child development, Hoffman turned to swimming. Her father, Samuel, a paint chemist who was born in Radom, Poland, was not athletically-inclined. But he, too, encouraged her.

At 15, she switched to track and field. "I always liked running as a young kid, and I admired my brother, Paul, who was a runner. He was 10th in the 1967 Boston Marathon."

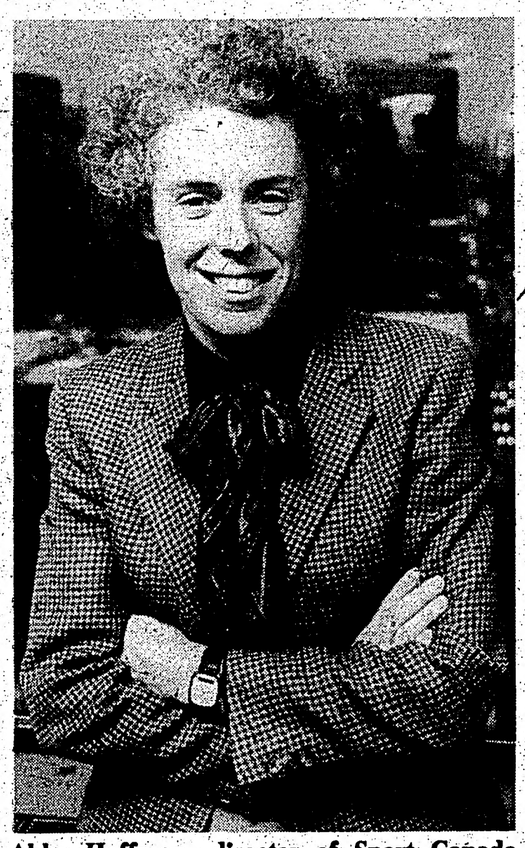
By 1967, she had already established a name for herself, having competed in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics. In 1968, she was a member of Canada's team which took part in the Mexico City Olympics. Four years later, she ran in Munich, West Germany, where 11 Israeli athletes were slain by Palestinian terrorists.

"I knew some of them," she recalls. "Their deaths had a profound impact on me. To a degree, I felt a personal threat."

Although half-Jewish, Hoffman considers herself Jewish in the non-religious cultural sense.

Hoffman did particularly well in Munich, the shock of the Israelis notwithstanding. "I ran under the Olympic record," she says, "but I finished eighth."

She hit the tape in 2:00.2 minutes.



Abby Hoffman, director of Sport Canada [UPI photo]

However, the winner, a West German, clocked 1:58.6 — a world record.

Eleven years later, she has no regrets.

"I never was the type of person who felt you had to win every race you entered," she says. "I did my best and I am not disappointed I did not win Olympic gold."

She does regret that she ran badly in her last Olympic appearance in Montreal, where she carried the flag into the stadium as head of the Canadian team. "I had been injured, and my preparations were not what they should have been. It's unfortunate I finished on a low note."

Yet Hoffman was not merely a loser. In Pan American Games competition, she won gold medals in 1963 and 1971, a silver medal in 1975 and a bronze in 1967. At the Commonwealth Games, in 1966, she took a gold medal.

For her achievements on the cinder track, B'nai B'rith Women's Council of Toronto named her Woman of the Year.

While pursuing sports, she studied political science and economics at the University of Toronto. Hoffman, who devours the novels of Nadine Gordimer, Doris Lessing and V. S. Naipaul, has an MA in political economy and is working toward her doctorate. Her thesis will be on inter-racial sport in South Africa.

Between 1973 and 1975, she was an assistant professor of political studies at the University of Guelph. "I enjoyed teaching and I can see myself doing it again in about 15 years."

Hoffman has also served as secretary of the Ontario Human Rights Commission and as supervisor of sport services in the Ontario ministry of culture and recreation.

At one point, she was a consultant to the Canadian Olympic Association.

Despite her track record, on and off the field, Hoffman was surprised by her appointment as director of Sport Canada. "I had been such a vocal critic of the amateur sport establishment that I thought there might be a reticence to hire me."

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, Hoffman had accused Sport Canada of being insensitive to athletes and unsympathetic to the concept of excellence.

"I like to think that the system has adjusted to the type of things I worked for," she says. "Sport Canada is more sensitive to athletes, but we have to be on guard. There's a degree to which any bureaucracy is insensitive to its clientele."

In spite of her rigorous hours at Sport Canada, Hoffman looks as athletic as she did 10 years ago. She weighs 132 pounds, compared to 125 when she was in top form, and she can run 800 metres in 2:25.

Hoffman, who enjoys listening to chamber music, likes to ski, skate and hike, and she spends a good deal of her spare time at her parents' cottage near Toronto.

She doesn't know what the future holds in store, but she is determined to be as good a civil servant as she was an athlete. "Excellence is worth going after," she says. "It's difficult, but worth doing."

'A plethora of complex problems'

By
ALAN ROSE
[Executive vice-president CJC]

The forthcoming Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly will be seized with a plethora of complex problems relating to Diaspora Jews. Our policy is to deal with these problems through a 3-pronged strategy: We have extensive and ongoing relations with the secretary of state for external affairs and his officials; we consult with the World Jewish Congress, and, we are in touch with Jewish communities and friendly governments throughout the world.

The sad plight of Soviet Jewry lends itself to greater examination than may be traversed here. Suffice to say that there is virtually no emigration. The situation of the Refuseniks remains grievous, while Anatoly Scharansky and the Prisoners of Zion are a constant claim on our conscience. The CJC Committee for Soviet Jewry has been intensely active in arousing public opinion within our community through public protest and petitions to Soviet representatives in Canada.

Recently, a 3-member parliamentary delegation, representing all parties, visited the USSR solely for the purpose of discussing with the Soviet government the issue of Soviet Jewry. There is an active parliamentary committee on Soviet Jewry under the chairmanship of David Smith MP. There will be a full report on this complex matter at the Plenary.

During the incumbency of President Irwin Cotler, we have been desperately trying to save the Jews of Ethiopia. Last year, I visited Ethiopia and, while in Gondar, saw the remnant of this great Jewish community which, it is our hope will be permitted to leave. Canadian Jewish Congress has also been in constant communication and negotiation with the federal government in respect to saving Ethiopian Jews. These negotiations do not lend themselves to public expression, as such publicity could be perilous to the Jews we wish to save.

We remain deeply distressed about the position of Jews in Syria, which community Mrs. Judy Feld Carr of Toronto has, almost singlehandedly, succored and uplifted its morale through persuasive advocacy and contact.

We intervened on a number of difficult situations. These include representations to the Polish embassy in respect to an outburst of anti-semitism in Poland following the imposition of martial law; with the Apostolic Nuncio to protest the Pope's meeting with Arafat; with the French ambassador regarding the murder of Jews in a kosher restaurant in Paris, and other matters.

We have attempted, through diplomatic means, to assist Jews in Iran.

CJC has made energetic protests to the Swedish embassy concerning unspeakable anti-semitic material originating in that country.

We protested to the Tunisian government following attacks on Jews in that country.

We have negotiated with the Argentinian embassy for the release of Jewish detainees.

In addition, we have participated with the Canadian government and international organizations respecting terrorism and anti-semitic groups within and outside Canada.

Assisting Iranian Jews by diplomatic means

These hate groups are the common enemy of the Jewish people. Thus, a common strategy is required to defeat them. Terrorism is indivisible; indeed, it is a symbol of our times that innocent Jews are being killed in Brussels, Paris, Antwerp, Rome, and other European cities, simply because they are Jews.

This is not indicative of a great sweep of anti-Semitism; rather, it means that these groups of terrorists must be combatted with every means at our disposal.

Our strategy is to ensure that fringe groups of the extreme right and left do not infect the body politic of Canadian society. We have protested energetically to the Canadian government in respect to the admission of PLO representatives to Canada.

These are but a few of the interventions we have made on behalf of Canadian Jewry and Jews overseas.

Last year, I met with the ambassador of the German Democratic Republic (East Germany). Tentative discussions took place at the behest of the Material Claims Conference against Germany to ensure that the GDR made moral and material restitution to the Jewish people.

CJC continues to maintain a close relationship with the Jewish community of Cuba, which we furnish with religious and cultural requisites. This mitzvah was started some 20 years ago, when the United States broke diplomatic relations with Cuba.

CJC has had ready access to the secretary of state for external affairs. We have a close working relationship with senior departmental officials; this relationship is based on trust and confidentiality which has been built up over many years.

We confer in Canada with the spokespersons on foreign affairs in the Progressive Conservative Party and the New Democratic Party. We brief parliamentarians, on a confidential basis, with respect to Jews of affliction.

In the wake of the war in Lebanon, we have been faced with a campaign of villifying Jews through anti-Zionism, as a contrivance for anti-semites. These attacks are, in reality, aimed not only at Jews but against the democratic, pluralistic society of Canada. For surely if anti-semitism thrives, it will bring a about the demise of liberty. This is a thought which should remain with us on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the coming into power of Hitler.

It would be a profound mistake to believe that the world of the 80s is in any way similar to that of the 30s. Nonetheless, the lessons are there. We must, with vigor and determination, protect our interests and pursue policies which strengthen Canadian democracy against the virus of bigotry.

World-National

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English, brief [no more than 250 words], typewritten [double spaced, please], free of libel, and of interest to our reading public. We reserve the right to edit letters.

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Sick hecklers

I was stunned to read in Sheldon Kirshner's Feb. 17 report of the grenade that killed a Peace Now demonstrator in Jerusalem that a Jewish group of hecklers yelled at the Jewish European-born group, "Too bad Hitler hadn't killed all the European Jews!"

Don't they realize that most of Israel's new settlers in 1948 were survivors of the Holocaust and even their parents? I know we live in a sick society, but this is too much!

Paula Feigelsohn
Toronto

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Crypto-Nazis

I am quoted in your Feb. 17 issue as doubting whether Klaus Barbie will "make any really fresh revelations about crypto-Nazis in the present French government."

I said no such thing. My clear and explicit reference was to former collaborators in the French **administration.** No one in his right mind would suggest that the present French government harbors "crypto-Nazis," and I regret the imputation in your article that this might be so.

Michael Marrus
Toronto

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Commends Rucker

I am writing to commend Patricia Rucker for her coverage of the series of three meetings "The Past, The Present and the Future of the Jews in Arab Lands," recently held at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue under sponsorship of the Jews in Arab Lands Committee.

Mrs. Rucker not only attended the three meetings, but personally interviewed each of the five guest speakers. Her sensitive and intelligent analysis of each of the programs was evidenced in the three excellent articles she wrote.

Ruth Rayman Morrison
Toronto

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Political ad?

Advertisements are rarely creatures with obvious political implications. Yet an ad placed in The CJN's Montreal edition of Feb. 10 on the possibility of building "your dream house" 8 km. east of Jerusalem, 3 km. south of Ma'aleh Adunim, is heavy with political overtones.

Clearly, the ad tries to encourage one to buy land on the West Bank, as it says, "on private land, in accordance with government endorsement."

At a time when the West Bank is hotly contested territory, not part of the Israel which was defended in the Six Day War, Diaspora Jewry should not get involved with settling it.

Shloime Perel
Montreal

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Winds of hate

I read that the Polish embassy strongly resented the image of Polish hatred of Jews presented in Herman Wouk's TV series, The Winds of War.

There were more extermination camps in Poland than in any other country in Europe. So from my point of view, The Winds of War did not emphasize Polish anti-semitism enough.

Samuel Jacobson
Halifax

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Peace then?

I favor "Peace Now," but it takes two people to deal honestly to make a peace treaty. And our Peace Now supporters forget that Neville Chamberlain in 1938 was as sincere as they are. He dealt with a Hitler, who was not honest. And they think they can deal with Arabs who are honest.

If they were honest, they would admit that, with 21 Arab lands, they have no legal or moral claim to any part of Palestine, which the Romans renamed after conquering our Land of Israel 2,000 years ago.

Chaim Joshua Cohen
Eilat, Israel

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Disabled child

I recently helped the mother of a child with a learning disability out of her dilemma. She was not able to find placement for her child in the regular Jewish day schools.

I referred her to a special program I'd heard of before, established by the Jewish Association for Special Education. This association has set up resource rooms in Jewish day schools serving the learning disabled.

The parent called me a few months later to express her thanks for my help and her gratitude to JASE.

It came to my attention recently that JASE is in great financial crisis and the program is in danger of closing. To be able to maintain this essential program requires the community's outright financial assistance. Please help.

G. Goldstein
Montreal

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Not alienated

In her article describing the new incarnation of Viewpoints (CJN, Feb. 24) Janice Arnold quotes me as describing myself as "one of those Jewish intellectuals who had no particular connections with the organized community."

I must set the record straight.

Trendy as it may be, that description of me is ridiculously inaccurate, and no doubt reflects an honest error in communication over the course of a long interview with Ms. Arnold.

I may have some pretensions about being an intellectual, but for better or for worse, I have none about being alienated from or marginal to the community.

Of course such disaffected intellectuals exist, and perhaps Viewpoints can serve as a point of contact between them and the community.

I will not inflict on your readers a detailed list of all my previous connections with the organized community.

Suffice it to say they include involvement in various capacities with Canadian Jewish Congress, Allied Jewish Community Services in Montreal, Zionist/Israel organizations, numerous academic Jewish activities, lectures at different organizations, as well as personal and familial memberships and participation.

Morton Weinfeld
Chairman, Editorial Board
Viewpoints
Montreal

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"Jewish" Moslems

Re your Jan. 27 report on Moslems headed "Mohammed broke Jewish-Arab peace".

As a lecturer on Jews in Moslem lands during the Middle Ages, I would like to correct the impression held that Jews who converted to the Moslem faith were given equality.

Conversion did not bring equality. It only enabled certain particularly gifted Jews to reach the height of power officially instead of behind the scenes.

The literature abounds in examples of Jewish converts to Islam who were at least as discriminated against as the other Jews, mostly because the Moslems did not feel they could trust them.

A Jew was a Jew, but about the Jews turned Moslem, two questions always loomed large in the mind of Moslems:

1) Is he not still a Jew?

2) Is he a sincere Jew?

Sarah Taieb Carlen
Toronto

KIRK DOUGLAS HONORED

Actor Kirk Douglas, flanked by TV commentator Barbara Walters and film star Burt Lancaster, was recently honored by the American Society for Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. Douglas said he first visited Jerusalem's Western Wall in the late 60s, inserting into a crevice the message Israel Forever. [Religious News photo]

Suspects in shul blast

PARIS [JTA] —

Spain has announced that it has arrested several right-wing terrorists who might be responsible for the explosion in the Rue Copernic Synagogue here in October, 1980 which killed four persons and wounded 32 and raised a storm of protest and outrage throughout the world.

French police say, however, that they still believe that the Rue Copernic explosion was carried out by a Palestinian dissident group. The French investigators say they thoroughly studied the possible implication of European right-wing extremists in the bomb attack but that all available clues still lead to a Palestinian terrorist group.

The Spanish government spokesman, Edouardo Sotillo, announced that a number of right-wing extremists, "less than a dozen," have been arrested in Barcelona and Valencia. The men, the Spanish spokesman said, might have been involved in two murderous terrorist attacks: the Rue Copernic synagogue blast and the explosion which killed 84 people at the Bologne railway station in August, 1980.

A Spanish news agency said the terrorists, probably seven, including a couple of Frenchmen and Italians, belong to an extremist organization, Trama Negro (The Black Path).

The Spanish wire service said the names of the arrested terrorists are not being released as more suspects are being sought.

According to early reports from Madrid, the terrorists sought refuge in Madrid hoping to be protected by right-wing elements there and political survivors of the Franco regime. The search for them was intensified, however, according to these reports after the Socialist electoral victory last October.

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DIARY ...of a People

By DAVID BIRKAN

Thomas Masaryk, humanitarian and philosopher, was born March 7, 1850. His refutation of a blood libel charge earned him international recognition and the support of U.S. Jewry in his successful efforts some years later to found an independent Czechoslovakian state.

The intellectual and social circles of Prague, a leading city in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, were dominated by its German-speaking elite. The drive for independence was led locally by the city's Czech-speaking intellectuals, and in the rural east by the Slovaks. The Jews were caught in the middle. They aspired to, but were rejected by German society, which further alienated Czechs and the largely Catholic Slovaks.

Masaryk was a philosophy professor at the newly founded Czech University in Prague, a rising figure in the local independence movement, when the Hilsner case broke.

A 22-year-old Jewish vagrant, Joseph Hilsner, was tried for the murder of a seamstress found with her throat slashed and blood drained in the Bohemian woods on April 1, 1899. Czech and German nationalist press declared she had been killed to provide blood for Passover matzohs.

Counsel for the victim's family was an opportunisitic minor politician, Karel Baxa, financed by a joint German-Czech committee. His invective was spread by the anti-semitic press, which called him "the savior of Christendom." Despite glaring irregularities in the case, Hilsner was convicted. A second body was found shortly afterwards, and Hilsner was condemned to death a second time.

Masaryk, the son of a German-speaking Moravian serving maid, was initially indifferent. An ex-student, Sigismund Munz, urged him to take a stand in the name of humanity. After some research, Masaryk declared blood libel charges to be superstition and anti-semitism. Vienna's respected Neue Freie Presse printed his views. Prague's Catholic and nationalist press was incited against him; Masaryk reacted with more refutations and condemnation.

Czech mobs, students and non-students, railed against him. Masaryk challenged the crowds disrupting his classes to prove their views or leave. The university, rather than supporting him, cancelled Masaryk's classes for two weeks.

Masaryk's enlightened faction led a court of appeal to quash Hilsner's verdict. But at a re-trial in 1900, Hilsner was again sentenced to death. Continuing efforts resulted in the emperor commuting Hilsner's sentence to life imprisonment. He was eventually amnestied, after 16 years.

Masaryk visited the U.S. in 1907. He was enthusiastically received by Jewish and Zionist leaders, like Louis Brandeis, Stephen Wise and Bohemian-born congressman Adolf Sabbath.

When World War I broke out, Masaryk traveled across Western Europe, where he was recognized as representing the underground Czech liberation movement. He conducted a vigorous campaign against Germany and Austro-Hungary. He was supported by Chaim Weizmann, and other leading Zionists.

In his memoirs, recorded by Karel Capek — now under translation into English by Toronto's Alexander Warner — Masaryk commented: "Because of the Hilsner affair, wherever I went, the press was on our side. You can't imagine what a great help this was for our cause."

On Nov. 14, 1928, Masaryk was elected the first president of the new state of Czechoslovakia. His constitution guaranteed Jews equal rights.

He visited Palestine in 1927. In 1935, he was delcared an honorary citizen of Tel Aviv. In 1938, one year after his death, a kibbutz founded by Czech-Jewish olim was named Kfar Masaryk. He is periodically and fondly recalled by the Israeli press.

Israel turns down security offer

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southern Lebanon "is hardly consistent with the idea of sovereignty for Lebanon."

Meanwhile, Gad Yacobi, a prominent Labor Party MK, called on the government to order an immediate pullback to the proposed 40-kilometre security line, saying there was no reason for Israel to lose more soldiers in that country.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin, while not addressing himself to Yacobi's suggestion, said he was not interested in "so-called guarantees" by the U.S. As he put it to Jewish war veterans in Jerusalem: "In the experience of our generation there is no guarantee that can guarantee a guarantee."

As he spoke, the Knesset ratified the appointment of Moshe Arens as new defence minister replacing Ariel Sharon, who was forced to resign after the publication of the Kahan commission's findings on the Beirut massacre.

Henceforth, Arens — the former ambassador to the U.S. — will be in charge of formulating Israeli policy at talks with Lebanon.

About a week before his ratification by the Knesset, Arens said in an interview that the degree of "frustration and impatience and anger" in Israel-U.S. relations was perhaps the worst in history. Arens explained that the Americans were "suspicious" that Israel was "stalling" on withdrawing its army from Lebanon.

In a jibe at the Reagan administration, he noted: "I frequently get the feeling that there is not a full appreciation of the full complexity of the Middle East scene. And I think people have idealized notions of how quickly things can get done and sometimes that can be destructive and counter-productive."

In a speech in New York prior to his departure from the U.S., Israel's defence minister, in a reference to differences his government has with the U.S. over Lebanon and Israeli settlements, said: "When our security and survival are at stake America must defer to Israel's wishes."

Nevertheless, he added, Israel and the U.S. "are tied together by bonds of strategic alliance and strategic interest."

BGU to honor Hecht

MONTREAL — Community leader Thomas O. Hecht will be honored at a tribute dinner sponsored by the Canadian Associates of Ben Gurion University of the Negev Dec. 1.

Hecht is the long-time national secretary of the Canadian Associates and a member of the university's international board of governors.

"We are certain the entire Montreal Jewish community will participate in this well-earned tribute to its premier community activist," said Melvin C. Zwaig, Canadian Associates national president, and Cyril Reitman, Montreal Branch president, in a joint announcement of the dinner.

"No cause," they said, "calculated to help Israel's progress and security or to strengthen Judaism and Jewish life in the Diaspora has ever failed to benefit from Tom's generosity and leadership.

"Tom Hecht has been an integral part and a most important factor of the progress registered by Ben-Gurion University throughout its existence."

A leading figure of the Jewish world, Hecht has served as the youngest chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal of Montreal, president of UIA of Canada, honorary vice-president of the Canadian Zionist Federation and has recently been elected president of the Canada Israel Development Corporation-State of Israel Bonds.

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Melmarkets president Mel Weitz last year opened a 35,000 square foot Passover store here, which he claimed had the largest assortment of kosher for Passover products ever assembled in one store.

It was so successful, drawing customers from as far away as Pennsylvania, that the space has been doubled this year.

Unprecedented meeting

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over the West Bank as "only common sense."

He said "it is ridiculous to put an organization in charge of the West Bank that openly declares it is out to liquidate Israel."

He said "the PLO should have a homeland, but there is not a historical biblical reason why it should be on the West Bank."

Rabbi Abner Wise of New York, chairman of the Council of Israel Commission, discussing Jewish evaluation of the evangelical movement's support for Israel, said "the fact that we are here together officially and the fact that the embassy offered us its hospitality speaks volumes."

He said "we do believe in the sincerity of our evangelical brothers for Israel. We don't believe this is the only fact that unites us."

Rabbi Wise added: "The common challenge to all of us is the process of secularization and the very real expansion of atheism that threatens basic Christianity and Judaism."

Wise said the meeting came about from his frequent talks with McAteer, and they decided "spontaneously and simultaneously to make our conversations more public."

He said "the next step is to develop an agenda for the grassroots support to be heard more widely."

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Soviet treatment violates labor covenants

ILO to include Begun case on Geneva agenda

By
WESLEY GOLDSTEIN

MONTREAL —

The case of Yosef Begun, a 12-year Refusenik, will be on the agenda of the International Labor Organization when its members meet soon in Geneva.

According to Lazar Liubarsky, a former Refusenik and Soviet Jewry activist since his emigration to Israel six years ago, the ILO will examine a complaint registered by the International Conference of Free Trade Unions last October, that the Soviet treatment of Begun violates international labor covenants the Russians have signed.

The complaint states the Soviets have contravened articles 29, 111 and 122 with respect to forced labor, discrimination of employment and free choice of occupation.

Liubarsky, who was in Montreal recently as part of a North American tour to gain public support for Begun, said a resolution condemning the Soviet's actions might help forestall Begun's upcoming trial on charges of "anti-Soviet propaganda and instigation," which carry a maximum sentence of seven years imprisonment and five years exile.

Begun was previously arrested and convicted in 1977 on charges of "parasitism," and in 1978 on charges of "gross violation of internal passport regulations." In the first case he was exiled for two years, and in the second for three years.

Liubarsky, who first met Begin in 1967, says the Refusenik's only "crime" has been his desire to spread Jewish culture and the teaching of Hebrew.

A PhD in mathematics, Begun, 51, was a senior researcher in a Moscow economic planning institute until he applied for an exit visa in 1971. He was refused on the grounds of "regime considerations," and subsequently lost his job.

He then took on a number of menial labor jobs, losing them all, until he began teaching Hebrew in private lessons. According to Liubarsky, private teaching is a recognized profession in Russia, and although Hebrew is not an outlawed language, the teaching of it is implicitly forbidden.

Since Begun's work was not recognized, in 1977 he was arrested and branded a "parasite," which under Soviet law means avoiding "useful work." He was exiled to Siberia.

"There was no legal basis to sentence Begun for parasitism, because according to Soviet law, private teaching is 'socially useful work,' " Liubarsky told The CJN.

"But Begun did not merely teach Hebrew, he led a struggle to be permitted to teach the language openly, in accordance with the law.

"For that, he became a parasite."

After completing his sentence, (he served only one year as each day of his preliminary arrest counted as three days of exile) he returned to his home in Moscow, where he applied for a residence permit. Before he received an answer, he was arrested and then convicted of "gross violation of internal passport regulations" and again sentenced to exile in Siberia.

Following the conclusion of that sentence, he was forbidden to return to Moscow, settling instead in Strunino, where he worked as a fireman. Last November, he was again arrested, and he now awaits trial.

Liubarsky says that Begun has become a victim of Soviet policy, which internally tries to frighten and repress Jewish movements, and externally makes a mockery of human rights agreements.

"The Soviet Union wants to cut the thin string that ties the Soviet Jews to their people. Begun endangered himself time and again because he wanted to maintain and strengthen that tie, and that is why he has become the object of cruel suppression.

"But even the Soviets have their weak point. If they see that the world criticizes them, they will think twice about punishing Yosef Begun," said Liubarsky.

"That is why we must struggle."

Former Prisoner of Zion asks Canadian MPs to help free Begun

By
GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA —

Former Prisoner of Zion Lazar Liubarsky appealed to Canadian Members of Parliament last week to use their good offices to secure the release of recently arrested Yosef Begun, the third such arrest in the Moscow Refusenik's 10-year attempt to teach Hebrew in the Soviet Union.

Liubarsky met with MPs David Smith, David Berger and Jim Peterson to brief them on the Nov. 6 arrest of his long-time friend, Josef Begun. The "anti-Soviet agitation" charge carries a 12-year prison sentence if the Soviet courts convict him.

Begun has already served previous 2- and 3-year sentences for his earlier attempts to teach Hebrew to Moscow's Jewish children.

Berger rose in the House of Commons during question period and cited the latest developments in the case. He said the arrest, coming five days before the opening of the Madrid Review Conference on the implementations of the 1977 Helsinki Accords "could only be interpreted as a direct provocation of the Accords."

The parliamentary committee for Soviet Jewry has asked the secretary of state, Allan MacEachen, to direct the Canadian delegation currently in Madrid to bring the case of Begun to the attention of the Soviet delegation.

The Canadians will be requesting Begun's immediate release and his right to repatriation to his homeland, Israel.

Berger added the Canadians will be asked to convey to the Soviets that this case should be an indication of Soviet intentions to fulfil its commitment to the provisions of the Helsinki process.

Watches question period

Liubarsky watched question period from the visitors' gallery of the House. He was accompanied by Barbara Stern, of the Montreal Group of 35, and Goldie Hershorn chairman of the Montreal Committee for Soviet Jewry.

Following the question period, Communications Minister John Roberts met with Liubarsky to discuss the case in some depth.

Liubarsky felt his meetings were productive. The Members of Parliament here have "a very big understanding of what is going on in the Soviet Union," Liubarsky said. All were aware of Begun's situation, and stressed they would try to help Liubarsky on his friend's behalf.

Liubarsky's arrival in Ottawa coincided with the all-day cultural celebration of Jewish heritage held at the University of Ottawa. His short address to the large crowd gathered at the unicentre clearly affected many of his listeners.

He said it was a "wonderful thing" to see such a lively Jewish atmosphere, but the crowd should not forget that with people like Begun being imprisoned, "Jewish heritage, history and Hebrew are also in jail in the Soviet Union."

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10:00 a.m. **War and the Media**

Panelist: **Ilya Gerol**, Foreign Affairs Analyst Vancouver Province.

Panelist: **Yoram Hamizrachi**, Canadian Correspondent Ha'aretz (Tel Aviv)

12:00 noon **LUNCHEON:**

Keynote speaker: **The Hon. Allan MacEachen**, P.C., M.P., Deputy Prime Minister and Secretary of State for External Affairs

Remarks: **His Excellency Yeshayahu Anug**, Ambassador of Israel to Canada

2:30 p.m. **Public Policy in Canada: Influence and Impact**

Panelist: **Martin Goldfarb**, President, Goldfarb Consultants, Toronto

Panelist: **Hugh Segal**, President, Advance Planning and Communications Ltd., Toronto

4:00 p.m. *Speaker:* **Dr. Pauline Jewett**, M.P., Foreign Affairs Critic, New Democratic Party

4:45 p.m. **Les médias au Québec**

Paneliste: **Michael Vastel**, correspondant parlementaire du Devoir à Ottawa

Paneliste: **Jean Pellerin**, journaliste et écrivain

6:45 p.m. **COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

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European-trained Dow Marmur

New senior rabbi appointed at Holy Blossom

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —

Rabbi Dow Marmur of London, England has been appointed senior rabbi at Holy Blossom Temple and will commence his duties on August 1.

For the past 14 years he has been the rabbi of London's North Western Reform Synagogue — a congregation with 1,500 families.

In addition, Rabbi Marmur, 48, is the president of Arzenu, the umbrella Zionist organization of the Reform movement.

Rabbi Marmur was born in Poland and in 1957 went to England to attend the Leo Baeck School. He became a rabbi in 1962.

During World War II Marmur and his family fled east, arriving eventually in Siberia. After the war they returned to Poland for a short time before emigrating to Sweden, of which country Rabbi Marmur is now a citizen.

Holy Blossom has previously chosen senior rabbis who have been trained for the rabbinate in the United States. Rabbi Marmur's European training will not reflect a difference in the synagogue, according to Myer Brody, president of Holy Blossom.

Marmur is married and has three children, Viveca, Michael, and Lisa.

The rabbi's wife, Fredzia, was also born in Poland. She and her family spent the war in a concentration camp. After the war Fredzia and her mother lived in Sweden, where she and her husband met.

On Feb. 4, Rabbi Marmur spoke at Holy Blossom's Friday evening service and taught the synagogue's Torah class on the Sabbath.

When Marmur takes over as senior rabbi, James Prosnit, assistant rabbi at Holy Blossom for 1½ years, will become the associate rabbi, and a new assistant rabbi will likely be appointed.

Shaare Zedek week

TORONTO —

Mayor Mel Lastman of North York has proclaimed March 13-19 as Shaare Zedek Hospital Week, in honor of Jerusalem's "hospital with a heart."

Hospital officials in Toronto hope that Elizabeth Taylor, who is filming here, will attend proclamation proceedings during the special week. During her recent "peace tour" to Israel, the star visited the pediatric division of Shaare Zedek where she presented a large stuffed animal to one of the many young Arab patients and where she was greeted with a welcome sign in Hebrew and Arabic.

Displays on the activities at Shaare Zedek Hospital will be on view at Yorkdale Shopping Centre and Bayview Village Shopping Centre during Shaare Zedek Hospital Week.

Shaare Zedek is popular with Canadians, many of whom have contributed facilities to the hospital.

In 1980, Mayor and Mrs. Lastman were honored by the hospital with a department for pre- and post-operative patients named for them. Other Canadian projects include the Toronto Maternity Pavilion, the Rabbi David and Mrs. Sue Monson department of laboratory medicine, the Tony and Henry Battle Leukemia and Research Centre, the Mandell Centre for Research in Parkinsonism and the Wolinsky-Bessin Institute for Research in Molecular Biology.

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By
MIRIAM CHINSKY

SERVIETTES FOR PASSOVER

The National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section, will again be selling World Jewry serviettes for the Passover season. Sales of these serviettes fund Council's World Jewry projects.

The 3-ply dinner napkins sell 10 in a package for $1. They will be available at Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., in specialty stores and in selected supermarkets, Tuesday, March 22, Wednesday, March 23, and Thursday, March 24. Please watch for them.

Complimentary Passover recipes will be included with every purchase.

For more information call 633-5100.

BETH TIKVAH CONCERT

Beth Tikvah Synagogue, in co-operation with CBC Radio, presents A Celebration of Jewish Music, featuring the works of **Ben Steinberg** and **Milton Barnes**, with guest artists **Mark Childs**, viola, **Erica Goodman**, harp, and **Suzanne Shulman**, flute, Tuesday, March 8, 8.30 p.m. at 3080 Bayview Ave. (between Sheppard and Finch).

Tickets, available at Beth Tikvah Synagogue or Israel's Book Store, 973 Eglinton Ave. W., are $5. Seniors and students pay $3.

BLOOR YM-YWHA REUNION

Do you remember the music of the 50s, the Sunday Night Lounges, the days when the Bloor JCC was The Y?

A reunion for all the club members, athletes, and yes, you who attended the famous Sunday Night Lounges between 1953-67, is set for Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m. at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (corner of Spadina).

Here's your chance to kvell as you meet old friends during an evening of nostalgia and good entertainment.

Tickets, $10 per person, must be picked up at the Bloor JCC before March 12. For more details call the JCC, 924-6211, or **David [Sonny] Langer**, 889-4943.

MODEL SEDER

A model seder will be conducted at Shaarei Beth El Congregation, 186 Morrison Rd., Oakville, at 10 a.m., Sunday, March 27. Cost is $1 per child. Reservations are required.

Reserve now for Shaarei Beth El's seder on Tuesday, March 29, 6.30 p.m. at the synagogue. Cost is $10 per adult, $5 for each child under 12 years.

PURIM AT WATERLOO

Waterloo Jewish Students Association/Hillel invite you to a Purim party with deejay dancing, refreshments, cash bar and prizes for best costumes, Saturday, March 5, 3rd floor lounge, Hagey Hall, University of Waterloo.

Admission is $2.

Accommodations are available for out-of-towners. For details call **Jordan Cohen** at Waterloo, 886-9765.

FRENCH FILM

Chapter Soleil, francophone chapter of B'nai B'rith Women of Canada, will screen the French movie, Touchez Pas Au Grisbi, Wednesday, March 9, 8 p.m., at the B'nai B'rith building, 15 Hove St. Everyone is invited. Admission is $2.

JEWISH PUBLIC LIBRARY

D. M. Thomas' The White Hotel, a book of psychological truth interwoven with the trauma of the 20th century, will be discussed at the next session of the Life in Literature series with **Nathan Garnick**, at the Jewish Public Library, 22 Glen Park, 8 p.m., Sunday, March 6.

POST-PURIM CARNIVAL

The Purim spirit continues at B'nai Torah Congregation, 465 Patricia Ave. (at Bathurst St.) Sunday, March 6, 2-5.30 p.m., when a Post-Purim Children's Carnival offers a magic show, pony rides, games, prizes, clowns, refreshments, and much more. As an added attraction, **Big Bird** will pose for pictures with the youngsters.

Admission is $1. For more information call **David**, 226-3390.

EXPLAINING ANTI-SEMITISM

Shaar Shalom Synagogue adult education committee in conjunction with United Synagogue Day Schools, presents author and lecturer, **Dr. Morton Manilla**, of York University, in a forum on How Jewish Parents Should Explain Anti-Semitism to Their Children. The meeting is at 7.30 p.m., Sunday, March 6, in the synagogue, Don Mills and Simonston, Thornhill.

Parents and children are welcome.

BETH DAVID STUDY WEEKEND

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, 55 Yeomans Rd., is scheduling a Weekend Study Experience, Friday, March 4 to Sunday, March 6, with scholar-in-residence, **Prof. Ismar Schorsch**, provost of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. Confrontation With Modernity: The Emergence of Modern Judaism, will be the theme.

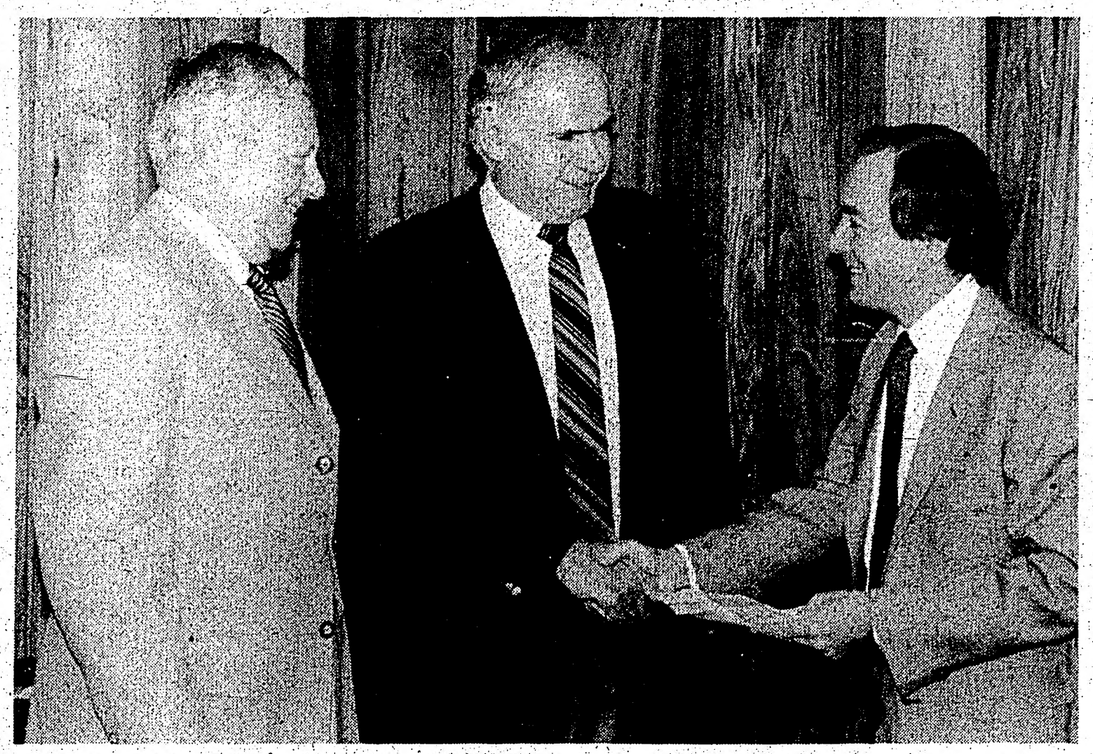
An Oneg Shabbat service, 8 p.m., Friday, March 4, will concentrate on — From Emancipation to Holocaust; Prof. Schorasch will deliver the sermon at the 9 a.m. Shabbat service and on Sunday, March 6, following 9 o'clock morning services and breakfast at 9.30, he will offer a slide presentation, The Classic Moritz Oppenheim Paintings: Art as an Expression of Social History.

DRAWINGS AT KOFFLER

Wooden Synagogue and Shtetl Characters, drawings by **Nathan Kaplan**, will be exhibited at the Koffler Gallery, Jewish Community Centre, 4588 Bathurst St., Wednesday, March 9 through April 7. Gallery hours are Monday to Thursday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 6-9 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-noon; Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; closed Saturday.

PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALISTS

Finalists in the Associated Hebrew Schools annual junior high public speaking contest are shown with staff members and judges. [Standing] from left, are Joseph H. Rosenfield, principal general studies; Alisa Risenman, Anna Shoub [first place] Gilaad Deutsch [second place] Debbie Diamond, Debbie Elman, Danny Eisen, Dan Ryan, English chairman. [Seated] from left: the judges — Miriam Venis, elementary supervisor; CITY-TV personalities Dini Petty and Jeanne Beker; Dr. Solomon Burack, principal general studies Bnei Akiva schools. Co-ordinator was Sima Naymark.



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Dr. Charles Gold, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University Toronto Chapter president, receives contribution from Super-X Drugs president, Frank Levine [left] and chairman Irving Horowitz [centre]. This gift was made to the Dean F. Norman Hughes Endowment for Perpetual Student Aid at the school of pharmacy of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

REENA FOUNDATION

Reena Foundation's fifth program in a series for parents of mentally handicapped people, entitled Parent Sharing, will feature a discussion on Sexuality and the Mentally Handicapped Persons, Thursday, March 3, 1111 Finch Ave. W., suite 158, at 7.45 p.m.

There is no charge, and everyone is welcome. To inquire further, call **Brenda Rothenberg**, 665-8035.

AT SHALOM VILLAGE

A general meeting of the Women's Auxiliary, Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. N. in Hamilton, takes place at 1.30 p.m., March 2.

March 3, and every Thursday at 7 p.m., a new series, Witness To Yesterday, will highlight a film with ensuing discussion about famous people. Volunteer leader is **Lori Kovacs**.

Saturday, March 5, and each Saturday afternoon at 2.30, there will be Shabbat readings and discussion, lead by resident **Willie Braumstein**.

March 8 and March 22, at 7.30 p.m., **Rabbi Eisenstein** of the Hamilton Hebrew Academy, will lead Shalom Village residents in exchange on Topics of Interest.

On Wednesday, March 9, the multicultural series continues with a trip to Ireland on film, and question and answers with a "real Irishman." Everyone is welcome. And on Thursday, March 10, at 7.30 p.m., Irish singers and dancers will entertain, providing an evening of fun and happiness.

A good way to lose inches and enjoy the effort, is provided by dancercize class, led by volunteer **Marmie Tisnower**, commencing Wednesday, March 2, and continuing each Wednesday, at 7 p.m.

MARCH OF DIMES VOLUNTEERS

The Ontario March of Dimes in the Don Mills/Eglinton area has a short-term need for people to sort and roll coins collected from donation boxes across Metro. A sorting machine assists in the process and is easy to operate. Several friends could volunteer to work together for one or two days early in Marach.

If you can spare some time for this assignment, call the North York Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

FINANCIAL PLANNING

First session of Pioneer Women Na'amat's 2-part seminar on financial planning, For You Alone, is one Wednesday, March 9, 7.15 p.m. at Borochov Centre, 272 Codesell Ave.

Investment counselor **Aleksander Stein** will explain investment planning. Admission is $2. For more information call 636-5425.

PORNOGRAPHY AND WOMEN

Following the recent controversy raised by licensing of adult movies on pay-TV, and the proposal of the new Metro bylaws governing the display of pornographic materials in retail outlets, the YWCA of Metropolitan Toronto and the National Action Committee on the Status of Women have organized a day-long consultation for women, Pornography: How It Affects Women's Lives, at Toronto city hall council chambers, Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The event, moderated by **Doris Anderson**, includes an audio-visual presentation, speakers and workshops.

The format will give women the opportunity to hear speakers talk about the subject from a number of perspectives, and then to consider the issues themselves in afternoon workshops with the speakers.

Registration fee is $5. For more information contact **Carol Zelniker**, YWCA, 961-8100 or **Pat Hacker**, NAC, 922-3246.

TDDs SERVE HEARING IMPAIRED

Users of Telephone Devices for the Deaf (TDDs) are invited to phone North York Public Library for all their information needs. Three branches and the Link Community Information and Referral Service now have the units, which communicate by telephone with people who have hearing problems — using a keyboard and lighted print-out equipment.

Patrons may call TDD to ask reference questions or to register for library programs. They are also welcome to use the library's TDDs to make outgoing calls.

The Link Community Information and Referral Service can refer callers to other community agencies which have TDD units.

Each TDD-equipped library has installed a separate line exclusively for TDD calls.

To contact North York Public Library by TDD, dial any of these numbers: Fairview, 499-4515; Central, 226-2744; Downsview, 633-3554; LINK, 226-3737.

SOCIAL WORK CLINIC

Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care is hosting its third annual social work clinic — Decision Making: Issues in Autonomy and Control in Service to the Aged and Their Families, on Thursday, June 9 and Friday, June 10, at the Centre.

For more information contact **Barb Creed**, Education Department, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, 3560 Bathurst St., Toronto, M6A 2E1; phone (416) 789-5131, ext. 216 or 468.

HEART FUND CONTRIBUTION

Jewish Home for the Aged residents, a hospital patient and a Terrace resident raised over $200 in one day, selling roses throughout the Centre to support the Canadian Heart Fund. Congratulations!

SURVIVORS' GATHERING

The first national reunion of Jewish Holocaust survivors in North America takes place in Washington April 11-14. All survivors as well as their spouses, sons and daughters, are urged to be there.

Registration forms are available at Toronto Jewish Congress, 150 Beverley St., 977-3811; Sheppard Celebrity Travel, **Shelagh Klavir**, 630-6424, or P.F. Travel, 638-5560.

ISRAEL EXHIBITION AT WORK

Israel — Share the Feeling, an exhibition sponsored by the Israel Action Committee and the Jewish Student Federation, is planned for March 14-17 in Central Square, York University.

On March 14, there will be a Jerusalem cafe with belly dancing and other entertainment; March 15, will be devoted to science and technology (Weizmann Institute, Technion, and various corporations such as Bank Leumi and Bank Hapoalim); March 16, an Israeli shuk (market) will be featured, and

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March 17, the focus will be on a fashion show and tourism.

Everyone is welcome. This is not just a campus event, and community attendance is encouraged. For additional details call the JSF office, 667-3647 or 667-3648.

BROTHERHOOD BREAKFAST

Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood, 470 Glencairn Ave., welcomes **Dr. Lisa Golombek**, to the March 6 breakfast, when she will give a slide presentation on The Arabs, Their History and Culture. Services are at 9 a.m. and breakfast is at 9.30.

FEDERAL GRANT

Federal government grants totaling $180,547 have been awarded to 16 groups of retired people in the Toronto area. Among recipients is the Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club which was given $12,925 to establish a program of later life learning and mental stimulation for members not interested in physical activities. The program includes art lectures, book discussions, drama, choir and creative cooking.

COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood invites you to a Passover cooking demonstration presented by **Liz Gordon** and **Fran Woolf**, at 55 Yeomans Rd., Tuesday, March 15, 8 p.m. Recipes will be distributed and there will be door prizes and refreshments. Admission is $5 per person. For reservations call **Anne Haniford**, 667-8111 or **Faye Schulman**, 667-8103.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day, organized by a broadly-based coalition of women's groups, becomes a week-long event this year.

Three public forums will focus on specific concerns currently facing women in Toronto. On March 5, the week's activities will culminate with the International Women's Day rally, demonstration and fair.

Here is a list of the public forums: Monday, Feb. 28, 8 p.m., Women's Liberation and Abortion, Trinity United Church, 427 Bloor St. W.; Tuesday, March 1, 8 p.m., Women's Liberation and the Fight Against Wage Controls, Concessions, and Unemployment, Trinity United Church; Thursday, March 3, Women's Liberation, Disarmament and Anti-Imperialism, Metro Community Centre, 730 Bathurst St.; Saturday, March 5, 11 a.m., rally and demonstration, Convocation Hall, University of Toronto; 1-4 p.m. fair, Central Technical School, Bathurst at Harbord.

To inquire further, call **Cate Cochran**, 967-3868, or **Andrea Knight**, 532-4329.

YORK UNIVERSITY TALKS

Amnon Cohen, professor of history at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, director of the Ben-Zvi Institute, and visiting professor at Princeton University, will give two talks at York University. On Wednesday, March 2 at 5 p.m. in Vanier College senior common room, he will comment on The Jews of Jerusalem Under Muslim Rule, and on Thursday, March 3 at noon, also in Vanier senior common room, he will investigate West Bank Politics: Perspective of the Past, Prospects for the Future.

Admission to these talks is free, and they are open to the public. For further information phone 667-3900.

GESHER FOUNDATION MOVES

Effective immediately, the offices of the Gesher Foundation have moved from 1328 Broadway to 421 Seventh Avenue, New York City, New York 10001.

SECRET ETHIOPIAN FILM

You are invited by the Israel Diaspora Committee of Holy Blossom Temple to hear **Simcha Jacobivici** tell about his secret filming of the Black Jews of Ethiopia. The gathering takes place at Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. on Sunday, March 6 at 8.15 p.m.

HAR TIKVAH CONGREGATION

The religious school of Har Tikvah Congregation, Brampton, has for the first time organized a team to enter the annual Toronto Bible Contest. On March 13, **Arlene Turner, Leslie Gelberger** and **Melissa Goldstein** will compete in a College Bowl type of contest to determine the winning school. Spectators are welcome to attend to give support and encouragement to the team. For details phone **Susan**, 792-0348.

TORAH DINNER

Beth Torah Congregation, 47 Glenbrook Ave., looks forward to its first Torah Dinner, Sunday, March 20 at 6.30 p.m. Shul members and the community are invited to enjoy a great dinner, good fellowship and an analysis by **Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg**, who will delve into The World of Sholom Aleichem, Tevye and Our Grandchildren.

Cost is $12.50 per person. To reserve, before March 13, call 782-3561. There will be no tickets sold at the door.

The public is also invited to join Beth Torah Congregation at the next Shabbat service, March 5, 9 a.m. At 11 a.m. Rabbi Rosenberg will offer a sermon, A Thousand and One Knights: Islam and the Jews.

STUDENT HOLOCAUST SEMINAR

The annual student seminar day on The Holocaust is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 8.30 a.m.-3.15 p.m. at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE) 252 Bloor St. W.

High school students from Metropolitan Toronto and surrounding areas will participate in a variety of educational experiences including a film, a seminar, and an encounter with Holocaust survivors.

As space is limited, teachers are asked to register their classes, and number of students, before April 1. Teachers should note that in order to provide a common basis for this program, the students must have an overview of the Holocaust before attending the seminar day.

To apply for registration forms phone **Ruth Resnick**, Toronto Jewish Congress, 977-3811.

BETH TIKVAH ADULT EDUCATION

Beth Tikvah Congregation's adult education spring semester commences April 11, 8.30-10 p.m., 3080 Bayview Ave., and continues until May 16. The theme is Israel: Its Realities, Its Dilemma, and lecturer will be **Rabbi R. Marcus**. Non-members are also welcome for the nominal fee of $10 per 5-week course.

WITTY ON CHASSIDIM

Adath Israel Congregation adult education program concentrates on Chassidism, with **Rabbi Irwin Witty**, in four sessions, April 11, 18, 25, and May 2, from 9.15 to 10.15 p.m., at the synagogue, 37 Southbourne Ave. To register, or for more information, call 635-5340, or you may register in person during the half-hour preceding the first session.

GALA CONCERT

Pride of Israel Synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres., presents a gala Jewish Music Month concert, Tuesday, March 8, 8 p.m. Shabbat For Today, offers a folk rock setting for the Friday evening service, featuring **Cantor Efraim Sapir**, soloist, Pride of Israel Synagogue; **Cantor Benjamin Maissner**, Holy Blossom Temple; **Holy Blossom Temple Singers and Instrumental Ensemble**, and **Rabbi Harold Lerner**, narrator.

For tickets and information call the synagogue office at 226-0111; **Ben Smith**, 881-9727; or **Marv Singer**, 635-8797.

FOR SENIORS

Israel Today, a Monday afternoon lecture and discussion series at the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., will feature **Cynthia Gasner**, examining Israeli News As Reflected in Canadian Media, at the next gathering, Monday, March 7, from 2.30-3.30 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge.

On Thursday morning, March 3, 10.30 a.m.-noon, in the Wagman Centre Library, **Philip Singer** will review **Chaim Potok's** novel, The Chosen. This is part of a series, and registration for the program is necessary. Call **Tanya Kuchinsky**, 789-5131, ext. 411, or enroll at the Wagman Centre desk.

The next meeting of the Wagman Centre Self-Help Widows Program is on Sunday, March 6, noon-1.30 p.m. in Rooms A & B of the Wagman Centre. Co-ordinator **Helen Brown** extends a warm welcome. This supportive service is non-sectarian, free of charge, and open to women 55-70 years, widowed less than two years. Membership in the Wagman Centre is not required. Meetings are held every second Sunday. For more information call 789-5131, local 410, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W., is planning a Seniors Group for age 60+. If you are interested in helping form a working executive, please attend an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 8 at 2 p.m. in the synagogue. The phone number is 635-0131.

Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Friendship Club is holding its annual Purim luncheon at the synagogue, 100 Elder St., Sunday, March 6, 12.30 p.m. An afternoon of music will be offered by The Choraliers. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy! For additional information call **Carl Pasternack**, 633-2997.

Join Beth Tzedec Friendship Club +50 to hear **Dr. Aaron Nusbaum**, principal of United Synagogue Day School, talk about the Dead Sea Scrolls, Tuesday, March 8, 1.15 p.m., 1700 Bathurst St. Everyone is welcome. Coffee and cake will be served. Cost to non-members is $1.

Coping With Stress is the subject for an address by **Dr. Lucille Peszack**, senior consultant, Canadian Institute of Stress, to be given to Holy Blossom Temple Alumni, 1950 Bathurst St., Wednesday, March 9, 1.30 p.m.

CREATIVE LIVING CENTRE

At the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. (just west of Bathurst) you may play duplicate bridge every Tuesday evening in the cafeteria. There is a lecture at 7 p.m. and games begin at 7.30 p.m. Director is **Barbara Seagram**. Cost is 50 cents per person, and everyone is welcome.

AT THE JCC

The Bloor JCC, in keeping with tradition, will hold a Pesach seder for the community on Tuesday, March 29. Interested persons should contact **Mark Egan**, group service director, 924-6211.

Registration is now open for the Bloor JCC's Summer Fun program for children ages 5-10. There will be four 2-week sessions.

At the Bloor JCC, the bridge club meets every Tuesday evening, 7-10, in the upper lounge, and also on Monday afternoons, 12.30-3.30. All levels are welcome, and there is professional supervision.

A Wolf Cub pack is being formed for boys 8-11 years at the Bloor JCC. If you are interested, call Mark Egan, 924-6211, or Shelley Rosenberg, 482-9437.

Bloor JCC Book Club will consider **D. M. Thomas'** The White Hotel, on Wednesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. For further information call Mark Egan.

The North-East branch of the JCC is holding the third session of its You and Your Health, mini series, Thursday, March 3, 8 p.m., at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. (north of Steeles). **Ted Thompson**, director of the physical education department at JCC north, will discuss Exercise and Fitness. This is free to NE branch members, $5 for non-members.

The North-East branch invites you to a children's concert with **Ken** and **Chris Whitely** and the Junior Jug Band, on Sunday, March 6 at A. Y. Jackson secondary school, 50 Francine Dr. Performances are at 1.30 and 3.30 p.m. Tickets are $2 per person for NE branch and JCC members, $4 non-members. To inquire further call 889-0813.

For trivia buffs . . . the NE branch invites you to a Trivia Quiz Night, Tuesday, March 8, 8 p.m. at the JCC Valley, 7015 Leslie St. This is free to NE branch and JCC members, $2 non-members. For additional information call 889-0813.

Author and director **Karen Fraser** will speak on Passages — Where Are We Going? at the JCC north, 4588 Bathurst St., Sunday, March 6 at 7.30 p.m. This program is arranged by PACE (Public Affairs and Continuing Education) of Koffler Centre of the Arts. Admission is $4 JCC members, $4.50 non-members. Call **Georgine Nash**, 636-1880, ext. 33 for more information.

SINGLES

Solelim will start contract bridge on a weekly basis Monday nights at 7 commencing March 7, at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave. All levels are welcome. For more details phone **Simmy**, 656-1322, or **Jerry**, 787-4352.

Participate in Scrabble for Singles at the Forest Hill Library, 700 Eglinton Ave. W., Wednesday evenings, 7.30-11 p.m. For more information call 482-0541, or 482-0816, evenings or weekends.

Alternatives (20-40) are planning a movie night, Sunday, March 6, 6 p.m. at BBYO, 15 Hove. **Bill Murray** will appear in Stripes. Admission is $2. For more details call 783-0175.

Rabbi David Cooper's Singles (25-45) trip to Israel is July 25-Aug. 10 — two weeks in Israel with an optional third week in Egypt. The group will join a New York Singles entourage in New York City, for departure to Israel. Cost, from NYC is from $1,499 U.S., and includes 5-star accommodation for two weeks, plus air fare, breakfast and touring. Reserve before April 4 at 864 Sheppard Ave. W., or phone Rabbi Cooper, 635-0131, or Stan, 773-0977.

Total Living Singles (40+) look forward to a repeat fun evening with **Al Gladstone**, who is being brought back by popular request. Come to Earl Bales Park Community Centre (Sheppard and Bathurst) on Saturday, March 5, at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be served. Cost is $2 for members, $3 non-members.

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Young Adults (19-29) are arranging a Coffee House with live entertainment, at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd., Sunday, March 6, at 8 p.m. Admission is $2.

On Saturday, March 5, 8.30 p.m., the United Jewish Appeal University Student Campaign presents Dance Extraordinaire, at the Trillium Restaurant, Ontario Place. Dress is semi-formal. Tickets, available at the JSU — University of Toronto, or JSF — York University, are $5 in advance, $7 at the door. You may also call 977-3811 for advance tickets.

Beth Tikvah Chai Group (35-55) presents **Jerry Steinberg**, rabbi and therapist, who will speak on Dreams — Some Unusual Aspects, at 8 p.m. in the lower assembly hall, Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., Sunday, March 20. Admission is $3 for members, $4 guests. Refreshments will be served.

JCC Singles (25-35) invite you to join them for cross-country skiing, Sunday, March 6, 10 a.m. Meet at Yorkdale subway parking lot (near Green and Ross service station) then on to the destination. Please drive to allow for carpools. Pay your own way. For more information call **Ruth Goodman**, 636-1880, ext. 31.

Join JCC Young Adults (19-25) for an afternoon of bowling. Meet in the front foyer of the JCC north at 3 p.m. on Sunday, March 6. Be with new friends and have some fun.

Beth Tikvah Young Adults (19-30) and

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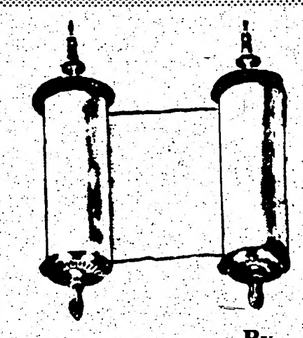
KINGSTON LODGE

New president of B'nai B'rith Kingston Lodge 1191, is Harvey Rosen [left]. Ave Siegel, immediate past president [centre] and Harry Berofe, financial secretary, stand with him.

Organizations and People



sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Kee Teesa/Parshat Parah

Everything comes from G-d, wealth, wisdom, mazel. Why should any Jew ever be conceited?

We must feel the Al-mighty hovering over us every second.

A non-observant Jew was walking through the very Orthodox Mea Shearim section of Jerusalem when he was stopped by a youngster with long peyes (sidecurls).

"Why aren't you wearing a yarmulka?" demanded the youngster.

The man pointed up to the blue sky stretched above and said: "You see the sky above, that is my yarmulke!"

The quick-witted youngster looked upward and answered quickly: "Such a big yarmulke for such a little head!"

The parsha begins with "Kee teesa" . . . when Moses was commanded to count the Jews. But it doesn't say count Jews. It begins: "Kee teesa et rosh Bnai Yisrael. . . . When you lift up the heads of the children of Israel."

When Moses counted Jews he wasn't counting how many arms or legs, how many knees and shoulders. Et rosh! Count the heads — count the brains, the neshama that dwells in head, the mind that is a dwelling place for holiness.

A Jewish head is a small Temple. It has to be filled with something — it can't be empty. If it is filled with Torah, with wise and holy words of our rabbis and teachers, then it is a holy shul, a bais hamikdash. But if it is left empty of holiness, then what tumah can channel into it today. . . .

That is why the Zohar says that is forbidden to walk four cubits with an uncovered head — because the Shechina hovers overhead.

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Wisdom is a gift from G-d. When the Jews built the mishkan sanctuary in the desert, who was the chief artisan — Bezalel. Which architectual school did he attend? None. He was a 13-year-old Bar Mitzvah boy who was blessed with great wisdom in the merit of his grandfather Hur.

How can every Jew get such wisdom? Reb Aharon of Belz said: My father, Reb Yissachar Dov; was a very wise man. Of him it can be said: "He gives wisdom to the wise" (Daniel 2:21). I once asked him: "Father, if you have been given such wisdom, it means you were wise before. But where did you get the first wisdom?"

He answered: "The first wisdom I learned was: 'Reshis chachmah yiras Hashem. . . . The beginning of wisdom is fearing G-d."

A certain cynic pestered a yeshiva student who had just turned 18. "In the Pirkei Avot it says that at 18 one should be married. Where is your wife?"

Answered the student: "And it also says that at 40 one should have binah, wisdom. Where is your wisdom?"

One sure wisdom is to have a good heart. Please help desperately needy families in Israel for Pesach by donating to the Monthly Fund, c/o Rabbi Meir Gottesman, 3173a Bathurst Street, Toronto M6A 2B1. Shabbat Shalom.

Bar-Ilan pays tribute to Windsor supporter

JERUSALEM — Abraham Berniker, a resident of Windsor, Ont., and Jerusalem, was honored recently by Bar-Ilan University in Israel at a luncheon tendered on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

Mr. Berniker has been active on the North American scene as a patron of Yiddish culture, sponsoring the publication of Yiddish literary works, including that of the late poet-novelist Chaim Grade. The novels of Soviet-Yiddish author Eli Shechtman, who presently resides in Jerusalem, have also been published on the initiative of Mr. Berniker.

Prof. Gershon Winer pointed to Berniker's contribution as a leader of the Yiddish Culture Association of Jerusalem and chairman of Tzavta Yiddish Culture Club and to his most recent participation in the establishment of the newly founded Chair for Yiddish Language and Literature at Bar-Ilan.

Bar-Ilan President Emanuel Rackman presented a scroll of recognition to the guest of honor.

Wage limits now in effect

TORONTO — **Ontario's major program of inflation restraint swung into high gear last week with announcements affecting more than a half-million public sector employees across the province.**

Jack Biddell, chairman of the Inflation Restraint Board (IRB), said he has informed some 5,500 public sector administrators and employers of their responsibilities under the Inflation Restraint Act.

"Over the coming weeks and months as existing collective agreements or other compensation plans expire or reach their anniversary dates, the provisions of the act will take effect for individual groups of employees," Biddell said.

Groups covered include all employees and elected or appointed officials of the province, municipalities, school boards, hospitals and nursing homes, children's aid societies, public libraries and many other public or para-public agencies.

The program holds increases in compensation rates to 5% for a 1-year control period for each group.

In some cases, prior to such control period, a collective agreement or other plan will pass through a 12-month transitional period during which the limit is 9%.

During both the control and transitional years, there are provisions allowing low-income workers to receive increases above these limits. There is also a provision restricting merit increases for those in the higher-income range.

Biddell noted that the IRB and its staff "are doing all we can to provide information so everyone concerned may know their rights and obligations."

Key to these activities is a booklet, A Guide to the Ontario Inflation Restraint Program, which outlines and explains the major parts of the legislation and IRB rules.

"It is aimed at providing guidance and assistance to the employers and administrators who must take certain action to comply with the act," Biddell said.

Copies of the booklet are available in limited quantities by contacting: IRB Communications, Box GMS30, Queen's Park, Toronto M7A 1N3, or the IRB inquiry hot line (collect calls are accepted) at (416) 963-2268.

What's New

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Dimensions, will have a brunch on Sunday, March 6, 11.30 a.m. at the synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave. **Gil Kaynan,** deputy director of the Israel Government Tourist Bureau, will give a presentation on Travel and Tours in Israel, illustrating with films and slides. Admission is $3. To inquire further call **Marshall**, 222-1352, or **Harvey**, 224-0733.

Start the month off right at Adath Sholom's (20-45) March Romance Dance, Saturday, March 5, from 8 p.m., at 864 Sheppard Ave. W. There will be refreshments and a cash bar. Admission is $5 at the door. For more information on this dance and other Adath Sholom activities, contact **Rabbi David Cooper**, 635-0131, **Stan**, 773-0977, or **Jerry**, 787-4352.

Bloor JCC's Single Parents Group is planning a wine and cheese reception on Monday, March 7, 8.30 p.m. in the main lounge. If you plan on attending call **Mark Egan**, 924-6211.

Project Connect and JCC Northern Group Services announce Re-Connect — a self-help group for recently separated and divorced women under 65, offering six sessions on Wednesday, from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m., April 6 through May 11. This is not a therapy group. Re-Connect encourages personal growth in an atmosphere of mutual sharing and support. Cost, $15, is non-refundable. For more information and an interview, call **Cindy Cole**, 497-4494, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Singles Habitat presents a night at Mr. K's Lounge, 74 Victoria St. (one block east of Yonge just south of Richmond) on Saturday, March 5, 8 p.m. Admission is $5.

NE SINGLE PARENTS

North-East Jewish Single Parents invite you to a party night, Saturday, March 5, 8.30 p.m. at the Sheppard Club, 50 Sheppard Ave. E., (Yonge and Sheppard). This is a casual lounge setting with dance floor, deejay and cash bar. Everyone is welcome. Cost for members is $3, non-members $5. For additional details call **Kel**, 222-1757, or **Susanne Levine**, 889-0813.

About People

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Toronto Section, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, announces that **Ethyle Levine** has been chosen as its 1983 Community Service Award recipient.

President **Patricia Starr** said the choice was unanimous and recognizes Mrs. Levine's "outstanding volunteer and leadership role" in Metro-wide community organizations.

The award will be presented at Council's luncheon general meeting, Thursday, March 17, 12.30 p.m.

HEADS CAMP KATONIM

Michael Solish, a teacher at Central Technical School, has been appointed director for the 1983 season of Camp Katonim, a day camp established by the Dunkelman Family at Balfour Beach on Lake Simcoe, over 40 years ago. He will be encouraging Jewish campers from the Thornhill area to attend and participate in the varied facets of overnight-day camp experiences.

Solish, who previously worked at B'nai B'rith, has been actively involved in the Jewish community.

CROLL-YOUNG AND FINE FEATURED

An article on the migraine pain relief workshops organized by **Connie Croll-Young** and **Norma Fine** will appear in the May issue of Prevention Magazine, which has 2,500,000 subscribers. An article on the work done by these Torontonians also appeared in a recent issue of Good Health Magazine.

For more information about the workshop phone 783-9863, or 656-0991.

KATZ IS LEADER OF THE YEAR

Murray L. Katz, president and chief executive officer of Empire Kosher Foods, Inc., has been named recipient of the 1983 Jewish Leader of the Year Award by the Council of Jewish Organizations of Flatbush Day of Events Purim Parade and Spectacular.

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Nominations for CJC delegates close March 15

TORONTO —

Closing date for the nomination of delegates to the upcoming Canadian Jewish Congress 20th Plenary Assembly, to be held May 12-15 at Montreal's Queen Elizabeth Hotel, is March 15.

The Plenary, which will discuss national issues and programs of concern to the Canadian Jewish community and elect a slate of national officers for the next 3-year term, will host a maximum of 1,500 delegates from across the country. The Ontario Region is entitled to representation by 551 delegates of which approximately 370 will come from the Toronto area.

Ottawa with 61 delegates, Hamilton with 30, Windsor 30, London 30 and outlying communities 30 will make up the rest of the Ontario contingent.

There are several CJC guidelines laid down for the nomination and selection of Plenary Assembly delegates. These are as follows:

• Any member of the Jewish community in Ontario may nominate up to three delegates, including him or herself. The nominee's name, address and phone number should be included.

• All nominations must be in writing and are to be forwarded to Berl Nadler, chairman, regional delegates election committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, 150 Beverley St., Toronto M5T 1Y6. Nominations must be received no later than March 15.

• Delegates must qualify for election in accordance with CJC bylaws which provide that, "no person shall be elected as a delegate, officer or committee member of the Congress unless such person shall be in good standing with their local UJA or equivalent campaign."

The definition of the phrase "in good standing" may be interpreted to include those who have made pledges for the 1983 campaign prior to March 1; individuals who have made and paid their 1982 pledges; and persons who are not in arrears of pledge payments for more than two years.

Decisions concerning eligibility are made by the Ontario Region campaign committee. Copies of the bylaws governing this stipulation are available from the CJC office, telephone (416) 977-3811.

• Each regional or local Jewish organization or institution (synagogue, chapter, lodge or school) is entitled to one delegate, plus one additional delegate for every 250 members to a maximum of four delegates.

• Election of delegates will be held, if necessary, prior to April 12. Every Jew, 18 years of age and over, who is residing in Canada and concurs with or supports the aims and objectives of CJC is considered a member of Congress and is qualified to vote in the election of delegates.

The CJC's regional pre-assembly resolutions committee is in the process of soliciting resolutions from members of the Jewish community which it will consider for introduction at the Plenary. The submission of all proper resolutions on matters within the jurisdiction of CJC is encouraged.

Resolutions should be typed or legibly written and submitted to the attention of Les Scheininger, chairman of the Ontario Region pre-assembly resolutions committee, at the CJC regional office. Submissions must be received no later than March 31.

Kaplan says Canada will concentrate on extradition procedures

By
WESLEY GOLDSTEIN

MONTREAL —

Until new legal avenues are established to deal with suspected resident war criminals, Canada will concentrate its efforts on extradition, Solicitor-General Robert Kaplan said here recently.

The federal government is open to new legal arguments, he stated, but for the time being is not convinced there are any. He noted, however, the Canadian Jewish Congress is preparing additional legal arguments which the government "will examine closely."

"The worst thing that could happen from our point of view would be to charge somebody who is acquitted because the legal system isn't there," he stated.

Kaplan said there are currently 100 investigations being conducted by the RCMP into possible extradition of Nazi war criminals. But he cautioned against over-optimism, saying many of these cases will fail because the suspect is either dead, incompetent or never came to Canada.

The minister said the issue of ex-Nazis living in Canada is still a priority for the Canadian government, and he rejected certain criticisms his office has received that such concerns are anachronistic. With fascist and neo-Nazi movements alive in various places, the issue is far from being outdated, he said.

Although he could not discuss the Albert Rauca case in detail, since it is still before the courts, Kaplan said it has had a positive effect on Canadians' understanding of what transpired. It has also marked the first time the Holocaust has been officially recognized by the Canadian courts, he said.

The Toronto MP said the government will continue to pursue Nazi war criminals because morally it is the right path to follow.

"We can bring war criminals to justice — we can do it, and we must do it," he declared.

Kaplan made his remarks at the B'nai B'rith covenant breakfast, held at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. The annual event, sponsored by the Quebec Regional Council, was attended by more than 300 people, and marked the culmination of B'nai B'rith's annual membership drive.

National president Morley Wolfe of Toronto presided over the ceremonies, which were highlighted by the mass installation of this year's new recruits.

As well, the meeting saw the presentation of this year's Samuel Moskovitch Award for outstanding community volunteer service programming. The late Cote St. Luc mayor's wife Bess and his two daughters presented the plaque to Jay Mandelker on behalf of his Balfour Lodge.

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Organizations and People

JSU-Hillel celebrates Jewish life with successful Ottawa festival

By GAYE APPLEBAUM

OTTAWA — Jewish students at the University of Ottawa, who had to fight for the right to set up one isolated table during the university's welcome week, sponsored a celebration of Jewish life here last week. They used every available inch of the unicentre's ground-floor exhibit area.

The 5-hour Jewish Heritage Festival, organized by the Jewish Students Union-Hillel [JSU-Hillel] club at the university, attracted several thousand people from both the student and Jewish community.

The campus has witnessed a rise in the number of anti-semitic incidents in recent months as a result of student federation executive attempts to link the Jewish club with racist ideologies. Many communal organizations, determined to offer their support to the Jewish students, decided to participate in the many-faceted festival depicting every aspect of Jewish life.

"Hora in the agora" was staged before a large crowd at the U of O's Jewish Heritage Festival. [Al Farrell photo]

booth promoted Israeli tourism.

While the Grade 8 students from Hillel Academy had to compete with their elders for the sale of gefilte fish, latkes, kugel and hamantashen, their free sampling of Israeli humous made them popular food sellers.

Numerous people were drawn to the ongoing screenings in the centre's mini-cinema area. However, the focal point for the day's festivities was clearly the open amphitheatre area, the agora.

The Montreal-based Dora Wasserman Yiddish group seemed to delight the many onlookers, despite the language barrier. Also from Montreal, the Kol Ram group transmitted their infectious enthusiasm for the traditional religious tunes in rock tempo to the large crowd of dancers who joined hands for a "hora in the agora."

Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Congregation Machzikei Hadas, the keynote speaker, talked of Judaism's concern for human dignity. Because Jews have lived through so many centuries of adversity, he said, Jews especially cherish freedom — alluding to the denial of the Jewish students' right to freedom of expression at the university these last few months.

Several thousand people attracted

Lazar Liubarsky, a former Prisoner of Zion, in the city to meet with parliamentarians, welcomed the chance to deliver a brief address to the crowd. His account of his own struggle for freedom, his arrest and the recent arrest of longtime friend Josef Begun visibly affected a number of his listeners.

The event took JSU-Hillel members two months to organize. They were joined by a number of club members from Waterloo, Kingston, Western, York and the University of Toronto. Although organizers had "some concern" about a possible Arab student attempt to disrupt the celebration, Charness was surprised how "muted, how very quiet" the Arabs were.

The one kafiya-wearing Palestinian student taking in the scope of the event grudingly admitted "they are putting their case forward in a very well-organized way."

The Lebanese-born "refugee from my homeland Gaza, which I have never been allowed to see" qualified his admiration with an explanation however: "They make a mistake when they mix Zionism with Judaism. Judaism is a very old religion and should not be confused with political ideologies," he argued.

Blatant anti-semitism on campus

Jordan Charness, president of the national capital region JSU-Hillel, called the Festival "our greatest victory." Many Jews, embarrassed by the blatant anti-semitism, would not associate with the Jewish club. "Now they are willing to openly identify as Jews. Many of the university's hidden Jews came to us during the day and said they were proud to see us so visible, so alive," Charness said.

The recently-formed Ottawa Torah Institute and the Young Israel synagogue promoted Torah Judaism.

The Ottawa Jewish Historical Society showed scenes of early Jewish life in this 19th-century lumber town, while the Holocaust Remembrance Association depicted life in the European communities annihilated by Hitler.

The university's linguistic department offered a glimpse of the mosaic of Judaic languages.

Aharon Korzen, of the Israel Aliyah Centre in Montreal, brought a number of brochures on the many programs offered in Israel for university students. Ottawa shaliach Gadi Banner's

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בית צדק BETH TZEDEC

SUN., MARCH 6, 8:30 P.M. **Professor Emanuel Gutmann**, Professor of Political Science, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (currently visiting Professor at Carleton University in Ottawa) will present a lecture on "Israel After The Commission Of Inquiry".

TUES., MARCH 8, 9:15 A.M., **BETH TZEDEC SISTERHOOD WORKSHOP**. Everything you always wanted to know about Seudah Shlishit, Havdallah, and Melave Malka. R.S.V.P.: 781–3511. Cost: $2.50. Coffee will be served and babysitting will be available.

TUES., MARCH 8, 1:15 P.M., **FRIENDSHIP CLUB PLUS 50**. **"Dead Sea Scrolls."** Guest speaker: **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum**, Principal of United Synagogue Day School. Everyone welcome. Coffee & cake. Non-members $1.

SUN., MARCH 13, 8:30 P.M. - **Dr. Avner Yaniv**, Visiting Professor, Department of Government at Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. will present a lecture on **"The Current Crisis in the Middle East."** The lecture is being co-sponsored by the Canadian Friends of Haifa University and Beth Tzedec.

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Variety talent show staged on behalf of UJA

TORONTO — What it lacked in Broadway polish and glitz it more than made up for in youthful exuberance and raw talent. That definitely was the consensus of the audience of 400 that filled the auditorium at Forest Hill Collegiate last week.

The occasion: a variety talent show organized and staged by students on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal. Driving force behind the production was the school's UJA chairman and grade 13 student, David Kerzner, who worked with a committee which included Julie Druker, Carol Duncan and Maria Litowitz.

The glow of success hadn't worn off the morning after the show when Kerzner called the UJA office to report on the "fantastic" evening.

"We were pretty nervous the last few days," Kerzner commented. "We had no idea how this all would come together or what size audience we would have. The turnout really floored us — a lot of people who came bought their tickets at the door and before we knew it, we had a full house."

They hadn't time to tally up the proceeds, said Kerzner, but from the looks of it, UJA should come up a winner.

Organizers of Forest Hill Collegiate talent show for UJA were, from left, Julie Druker, Carol Duncan, Marla Litowitz and David Kerzner. [Graphic Artists photo]

CONGRESS CALENDAR
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March 1 Bible Study Group, Jewish Cultural Council (TJC). Lecturer Harold Dessen. Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.

March 2 Women's League for Conservative Judaism, World Affairs Day. 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd. To reserve call 636–7733. Luncheon fee.

March 4 – 6 Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am. "Great Weekend" - Scholar in Residence, Prof. Ismar Schorsch, Faculty of Jewish Theological Seminary. Confrontation with Modernity - The Emergence of Modern Jewry. Prof. Schorsch will be speaking Friday evening and Saturday morning. Sunday morning he will discuss Moritz Oppenheim paintings at an illustrated lecture. Public invited.

March 6 Jewish Public Library. "Life in Literature" series. A look at "The White Hotel" by D.M. Thomas. Discussion. 22 Glen Park Ave., 8 p.m.

March 6 Jewish Community Centre, Koffler Centre of the Arts. "Passages - Where are we Going?" Lecturer, Karen Fraser, 4588 Bathurst St., 7:30 p.m.

March 8 Pride of Israel Temple. Gala Concert "Shabbat for Today." A folk rock setting of the Friday evening service, featuring Cantors Efraim Sapir and Benjamin Maissner and the Holy Blossom Singers, 59 Lissom Cres., 8 p.m.

March 11 Temple Sinai. Oneg Shabbat. "Our Yiddish Heritage." Music by guest soloists, choir and Cantor Weingort. 210 Wilson Ave.

March 13 Jewish Music Committee of Jewish Cultural Council. Choral Group Rehearsal/Workshop. Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 13 Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. "Jewish Survival and Revival." All day symposium on Jewish living. 470 Glencairn Ave., $5 luncheon fee.

March 14 – 16 Leonard Wolinsky Lectures on Jewish Life and Education, theme "Jewish Law." Prof. David Daube, University of California, and Dr. Dov Frimer, Touro College School of Law, New York City. Sponsored by York University Religious Studies. March 14, 12 noon, Senate Chamber, York University, 4700 Keele St.; March 14, 8 p.m. Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.; March 16, 1 p.m. Vanier College, Room 108, York University; March 16, 8 p.m. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave. For information 781–4687.

March 14 – 17 Israel Action Committee/Jewish Student Federation, Israel Exhibition, Central Square, York University, for info. 667–3647.

March 15 Bible Study Group, Jewish Cultural Council (TJC). Lecturer, Victor Sefton. Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.

March 20 Jewish Music Committee of Jewish Cultural Council (TJC). Concert of Choral Music. Featuring major Toronto Jewish community choirs. Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., 8 p.m.

March 20 Beth Torah Congregation. Torah Dinner. Program, Analysis of "The World of Sholom Aleichem: Tevye and Our Grandchildren" by Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg, 47 Glenbrook Ave., 4:30 p.m. $12.50 per person, 782–3561.

March 25 Holy Blossom Temple. Shabbat Hagadol. Oratorio by Handel. "Israel in Egypt." Two full choirs: Toronto Concert Singers and Guelph University Choir, conductor, Gerald Neufeld, full orchestra. 1950 Bathurst St.

Three MFM stores may be opening on the two Sundays before Passover

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO — The legislative committee of North York city council decided last week to turn down a proposal by Miracle Food Mart that three of its stores be opened on the two Sundays preceding Passover.

The committee's recommendation will be discussed at a board of control meeting this week, and a final decision will be made at the next North York city council meeting on March 7.

Stores covered in the MFM proposal are located at 600 Sheppard Ave. W., 5990 Bathurst St., and 2760 Bathurst St. — largely in Jewish areas.

MFM contends it would be beneficial to open its three stores on March 27 because it has a 50% increase in customer traffic in the pre-Passover period.

Rita Moyer, manager of consumer protection at MFM, claims this year Jewish customers have less time to do their Passover shopping and this creates hardships for tourists and residents alike in preparation for the holidays.

Jewish customers, she said, must conclude all their shopping by sundown Friday to honor the Sabbath on Saturday, and are unable to shop on Sunday because of the present requirement that stores remain closed on Sundays.

She urged the city of North York enact a bylaw to provide exemption from the Sunday closing.

Based on a report from city solicitor Charles Onley, the legislative committee stated Moyer's request does not qualify under provincial legislation.

The committee said a municipality can grant exemption from Sunday closing if the business is essential to the tourism industry. But it ruled that the MFM stores are not necessarily tourist attractions.

North York Alderman Irving Chapley disagreed with the committee's ruling. Two of the MFM stores are in his ward.

North York Alderman Howard Moscoe, whose ward includes the third MFM store, supported the committee's decision.

He said it is unfair to grant MFM special exemptions and added that the food store is only attempting to find a loophole in the tourist provision.

"If they (MFM) choose to close on Saturday they should be allowed to open on Sunday," Moscoe said. "Allowing employees one day off a week is not unreasonable."

He noted that two of the MFM stores involved are open 24 hours a day, except for Sundays.

According to Moscoe, the food stores will be allowed to operate on Sundays before Passover provided they have only three employees and use a limited floor area. Steve Zarnett of MFM told The CJN the three stores are considering to operate on that basis if North York council turns down the original request.

But he pointed out that it would be inconvenient for the large volume of Passover shoppers to be crowded into a small floor area with restricted service.

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Organizations and People

To parade in Old City

Japanese-Christian-Zionist sect visits Israel

By
SANDRA COHEN

JERUSALEM — The Makuya are marching this Friday.

On March 4, members of the Japanese-Christian-Zionist sect will parade from Ben Yehuda St. to the Old City, playing guitars and accordions, clapping, laughing and singing psalms and spirituals. Jewish residents will once again feel the special warmth of one of Zion's most colorful and unusual group of supporters.

The Makuya, made up of some 50,000 members in Japan, the U.S., Brazil, Mexico, Greece, Denmark, Korea and Formosa, send groups of 150-200 on frequent tours to Israel.

At any given time, there are about 50 students dispersed in universities, kibbutzim and moshavim across Israel, each following individual study programs that emphasize Hebrew, Jewish history and aspirations, and Zionism.

Manifestations of love and attachment to Zion have been many. When the Six Day War broke out, they immediately set up the Emergency Relief Committee of Japan, with relief goods hurriedly flown to Israel.

In 1973, Japan renounced its traditional policy of neutrality, adopting a pro-Arab stand. Deeply concerned, the Makuya organized a peaceful march in downtown Tokyo, and 3,000 gathered from all over Japan to demonstrate their support.

The 1975 UN resolution condemning Zionism as a form of racism brought immediate protest. A petition was sent to the then UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim containing 37,000 signatures.

In addition to such political campaigns, the Makuya delight in proclaiming their friendship for Israel through music. With electric organ, drums and singers, members have appeared in concerts in Japan, the U.S. and in Israel at the Habima Hall and the Jerusalem Theatre. One concert was attended recently by Israeli President Yitzhak Navon.

The movement was founded by the late Japanese professor Abraham Teshima, explained Akiva Jindo recently, a research physicist who has been an editor of the Makuya's monthly magazine Light of Life for the past eight years.

At the dedication ceremony in Teshima's memory of a forest on Mt. Turan in the Galilee, an Israeli official recalled: "He was a man of devotion — devotion to his people, devotion to his country, devotion to the State of Israel."

Following World War II, feeling the need for spiritually rebuilding his country, Prof. Teshima left his business enterprises and turned to the Old and New Testaments of the Bible. A new movement came into being. The name Makuya was chosen, a Japanese word translated from the Hebrew ohel moeid meaning tent of meeting.

The Makuya sing their way to the Western Wall

The essence of Makuya has its origin in the commandment of God to Moses on Mt. Sinai when God said to him, "You shall make the tabernacle that I might meet with the people and with you."

The Makuya do not pray in established places of worship which they feel often ultimately take on more significance than the prayers themselves, but hold meetings anywhere. "All that we ask," Jindo points out, "is that God be present. And we communicate directly with Him."

It was not sufficient just to read the Bible, Teshima believed. Dr. Jindo said: "It was important to see the actors and actresses living and acting out their language — to see, feel, and touch the stones of the Holy Land."

Despite his death in 1973, Teshima seems very much a living reality to all his followers. Since his first visit in 1961 and the realization of his dream to see the State of Israel, many hundreds of the Makuya have made pilgrimages, continually throwing their support behind Israel's very existence — in their belief in the fulfilment of biblical prophecies.

Through the years, kibbutzim like Heftsi-Bah and Dalia have welcomed the Makuya, giving them a second home. "The beginning was difficult," Dr. Jindo recalls, "not knowing what to expect from the Israeli way of life, in addition to the questioning of kibbutz members and lack of communication." The testing period came to a triumphant end with a wave of students taking up kibbutz life.

Jindo has been in Israel for the three years, and though his family will be returning to Tokyo shortly, he plans to come back to Israel several times each year. He says at prayers at the Western Wall, "we constantly receive inspiration."

An unforgettable experience, he recalls, was joining the festivities of Simchat Torah in the home of the well-known Rabbi Kook. "He welcomed us warmly, seeing us as part of the realization of the coming of the Messiah. In his eyes, the Makuya, coming from the Far East to Jerusalem is an encouraging sign."

At an intense prayer meeting on Mount Sinai, "we went to re-experience Matan-Torah, (the giving of the Commandments) and we **did**," he says elatedly.

20th annual BB convention set for Catskills June 5-8

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Max Shecter, past chairman of BB's International Council, honors Joan Sutton for "her outstanding and ongoing efforts in helping to foster better understanding amongst all races and creeds." At right is her husband Oskar Strauss.

Coverage fuels anti-semitism

By
SUZANNE WINTROB

TORONTO —

The media's coverage of the Lebanon war has caused a rise in anti-semitism, said Joan Sutton, a columnist for the Toronto Sun.

As keynote speaker, she told the 28th annual covenant breakfast of B'nai B'rith Canada's Toronto Men's Regional Council that articles about the war and its aftermath have resulted in a spate of anti-Jewish hate mail.

Commenting on the September massacre of Palestinians in Sabra and Shatilla, she said: "The world is focused on Jewish guilt and not on the guilt of the actual assassins."

Sutton, who is not Jewish, urged more Christian - Jewish dialogue to increase understanding and combat anti-semitism.

The 500 delegates at the breakfast, held at the Beth Tikvah Synagogue, were also addressed by Toronto's consul-general for Israel, Gideon Saguy, and by members of Queen's Park and the federal government.

Saguy made a plea for Jewish unity. "We must stand in solidarity," he said, "so that future generations can look back on us as we have looked back on our covenant for so many generations."

MPP Bruce McCaffrey, Ontario minister of citizenship and culture, commended Sutton for her journalism.

MPP Larry Grossman, provincial minister of health, rose for an acknowledgement. Also in the audience were North York Controller Esther Shiner, Alderman Milton Berger and MPP David Rosenberg.

MP Jim Peterson stressed Canada's dedication to the protection of human rights and liberties.

Gerald Potasky, first vice-president of the TRC and chairman of the breakfast, described BB as "the largest Jewish service organization in the world." He urged the members to keep BB strong because "what we do today is not for ourselves but for our children's children so they will have a tomorrow."

President-elect of B'nai B'rith Canada, Don Jubas, listed the projects that B'nai B'rith is involved in, including the League for Human Rights, Hillel, and B'nai B'rith Youth Organization.

The event began with a candlelighting ceremony honoring BB lodges and members for their volunteer work, including the Toronto Freedom Lodge and Upper Canada Lodge.

Extinction for Ethiopian Jews?

By
STACEY GREENMAN

TORONTO —

Surreptitious filming. Trekking through the brush to reach persecuted communities. Interviews in refugee camps. Smuggling rolls of film from country to country.

This is usually the stuff of which adventure movies are made, right?

This time, however, these actions were part of the making of a documentary tentatively called Falashas: The Agony of the Black Jews. It's a film which concerns the plight of the dwindling Jewish population of Ethiopia.

Producer Simcha Jacobovici, who has researched and written about the Falasha community for over three years, says the film is "a story about Jews who are dying." His motive in making it is to help these people get to Israel.

Jacobovici, together with director Peter Raymont and co-producer Susan Price and their film crew, spent 17 days in Ethiopia, eight days in refugee camps along the country's border, and one month in Israel, working on the documentary.

The film includes interviews with Falashas who endured various degrees of torture, slavery, imprisonment, threats and thousand-mile journeys to escape Ethiopia.

It is foremost an indictment against a world standing placidly by while the community of Jews, which may have numbered a million 300 years ago, has decreased to about 20,000 people and is on the verge of extinction.

In the Amharic language of Ethiopia, Falasha means "Stranger;" the Falashan Jews call themselves "Beta Yisroel" — The House of Israel.

The poorest of the poor in a country which has been classified as having the lowest quality of life on earth, the Falashas live in fenced-in villages isolated from each other in the high mountains of Ethiopia's Gondar province.

Shut off from the rest of the world as well, the Falashas believed for over 2,000 years that they were the last remaining Jews on earth. They have remained true to their religion, enduring persecution and awaiting the Messiah to bring them back to Zion.

Abused by Blacks because they are Jewish, the Falashas are today caught in the middle of a struggle between Ethiopia's land-owning aristocracy, who murder them for fear they will join the Marxist revolutionaries, and the revolutionaries, who came to power in 1974 and persecute them because they refuse to adopt Marxism.

Imprisoned by a government which refuses to let them leave, Ethiopia's remaining Jews practice an illegal religion — Judaism. The teaching of Hebrew is prohibited in the country, and while some Hebrew is studied secretly, Coptic Christianity and Muslim are the country's only sanctioned faiths.

Their existence in the world was discovered about 90 years ago, yet is was not until 1975 that the Rabbinical Council in Israel ruled that the Falashas are, indeed, Jews.

The main question raised by the film, Falashas, is whether the Israeli government, and world Jewish leadership in general, are doing all they can to help these people escape.

According to Jacobovici, the answer is no. Questions put by him to Israeli civil servants and cabinet officials regarding the fate of the Falashas were answered only with references to undercover negotiations and secrecy — the maintenance of official silence on the subject to protect the lives of those who might be saved through quiet diplomatic channels.

"The implications [of the film] are that Jewish leaders stood idly by and let Jewish children die when they could have been saved," asserts Jacobovici.

According to recent media reports, a drought in Ethiopia now threatens the lives of millions of people in three provinces, one of them being the Gondar province, where the Falashas live.

As a landless people, Jacobovici states these Black Jews will be the first to die, and that this drought could be the end of their people.

The documentary, a Matara Productions film supported by an Ontario Arts Council grant and by funds from private individuals, is a disquieting account of the suffering of a people ignored by the world.

Falashas: The Agony of the Black Jews will be shown on the CBC program Man Alive on March 13 at 10.30 p.m. EST.

Filmmaker Jacobovici will be speaking at the Holy Blossom Temple, March 6 at 8.15 p.m., about the inside story of the making of the film, and will preview a few scenes from Falashas.

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Peterson urges more action to fight anti-semitism

TORONTO —

David Peterson, Ontario Liberal Opposition leader, urged a Jewish audience here last week to call on the federal minister of justice to amend provisions of the Canada Criminal Code dealing with hate propaganda and advocating genocide.

"There are persons in Toronto who disseminate the vilest form of anti-semitic hatred," the MPP for Central London said in a Purim address at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

"They are worthy of prosecution. However, under the present law, conviction is virtually impossible. This must be remedied."

In a well-documented speech on the need to fight anti-semitism in Ontario, the legislator also urged the allocation of "sufficient funding to the Ontario Human Rights Commission, particularly to its race relations division, to ensure that it is fully capable of executing its mandate."

It is a fact, said Peterson, that Ontario and the rest of Canada experience less anti-semitism than other parts of the world, as pointed out by Alan Shefman, the national director of the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada.

In the last two years in Europe for example, 373 persons were wounded and 25 killed in terrorist attacks aimed at Jews. By contrast, between August and October, 1981, only eight incidents of an anti-semitic nature were reported to League officers across Canada.

During the comparable period in 1982, the League received 21 reports.

But despite Canada's relatively good record in the post-war years, said Peterson, a large increase in the frequency of anti-semitic acts has been noted in Ontario in recent months, in large part occurring in the wake of the war in Lebanon. He listed these examples:

• For the first time in the living memory of Toronto, worshippers attending their respective synagogues during the High Holidays did so under the protection of the police. Officers were stationed at every entrance of every Synagogue.

• At York University, members of the Jewish Students' Federation have been the objects of bomb threats, verbal abuse, and threats of personal physical harm.

• A member of the Council of York Students' Federation, improperly using Council funds, was discovered printing harsh anti-Israel and anti-semitic material for campus-wide distribution.

• Synagogues have been defaced, smeared with the hideous passions of Nazis, neo-Nazis, and just plain bigots.

• Signs calling for the "Gassing of Jews" have cropped up for the first time on some buildings downtown.

"I count myself among those pledged to fight this rise of anti-semitism in Ontario," said Peterson.

Peterson said it was necessary for schools to be better equipped with anti-Holocaust literature to combat hatemongers who claim that the murder of six million Jews by Nazis is a Zionist myth.

He quoted U.S. historian Lucy Davidowicz as saying: "Most shocking of all, these gross and malicious falsifications, far from being attacked and repudiated, have gained a respectful hearing in academic historical institutions."

Peterson then cited this personal incident which Prof. Davidowicz described as an example of how people are taken in by perpetrators of the big lie:

"A man associated with the Larry King Radio Show, a national network talk program, called to ask if I would debate with Robert Faurisson.

"When I replied that Faurisson should not be provided with a platform for his monomania, the man mildly inquired why I was against discussing 'controversial' matters on the radio.

"I in turn asked him if he thought the murder of European Jews was a 'controversial' matter. Had it not been established to his satisfaction as a historical fact?

"I don't know," he answered. "I wasn't around at the time. I'm only 30 years old."

He pointed out that Robert Faurisson, formerly an associate professor of French Literature at the University of Lyons, has written articles asserting that the "alleged gas chambers and the alleged genocide are one and the same lie . . . which is largely of Zionist origin . . ."

Yet, said Peterson, the treatment of the Holocaust in Canadian history and social science textbooks used in secondary schools was found to be inadequate by a recently commissioned B'nai B'rith study.

"The conclusions from this report must be studied with a view to their reasonably quick implementation. Where necessary, school curricula should be revised to reflect their findings and this priority," said Peterson.

Opposition leader David Peterson

Allen Pollack at TJC meet

TORONTO —

Prof. Allen Pollack, who heads the Institute for Leadership Development, the major seminar centre of the Jewish Agency, will be the keynote speaker at the Toronto Jewish Congress annual meeting on Tuesday, March 22 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. His topic will be Israel-Diaspora relations after Lebanon.

Allen Pollack

Pollack, who recently made aliya to Israel, was born in New York and attended Columbia University, Princeton and the University of Stockholm.

In furthering his field of academic specialization in Russian history and the role of Jews in the revolutionary movement of czarist Russia, Pollack received a Ford Foundation Grant as a visiting Fellow at the Marx-Engels-Lenin Institute, University of Leningrad.

He has also been a member of the teaching faculties of Brooklyn College, University of Pittsburgh and Yeshiva University.

Pollack played a key role in establishing the American Professors for Peace in the Middle East, and as its national chairman, participated in study missions which visited Israel, Jordan, Syria and Egypt as guests of their respective governments.

His Jewish communal activities cover a wide range of organizations from the World Zionist Organization, the Jewish Agency and United Israel Appeal. He has also served on the board of trustees of the United Jewish Appeal, of which he was chairman of its Young Leadership cabinet, and was at one time national president of the Labor Zionist Movement.

The TJC annual meeting, to which the community is invited, begins at 8 p.m.

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Annual Purim ball raises funds for children's haven at kibbutz

By TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO — Toronto friends of the Anna Frank Haven, a school on Kibbutz Sasa which integrates local residents and children from slum areas, held their annual Purim ball here recently to raise funds for the Israeli institution.

The ball is one of three yearly events planned by the Toronto Anne Frank Foundation, an 8-year-old group founded by Tamara Weinreich.

Other activities planned are a summer concert and an art auction.

In all, the 70 members raise some $15,000 yearly for the school, which is located near the Lebanese border.

Kibbutz Sasa was founded in 1956 by Youth Aliyah and was settled by American Jews who were familiar with the integration of white children from middle class backgrounds with kids from poor families.

Accordingly, the Anna Frank Haven aims to integrate children from culturally and economically deprived homes with kibbutz youngsters.

Other kibbutzim in Israel only integrate a few children from low income areas with a majority of kibbutzniks. But the Anna Frank Haven integrates a minority of kibbutz kids (30%) with a majority of youngsters from slum areas (70%), most of whom are Sephardic Jews.

According to Weinreich, professors from Berkeley and Harvard University praised the school's integration system after they visited the Anna Frank Haven. She said they recommend that a similar process of integration be used in the United States.

Weinreich added that the school has also been supported in Israel by President Yitzhak Navon and Chief of Staff Raphael Eitan.

The Anna Frank Haven is a boarding school which runs from grades 7 to 12.

It was named after heroine Anne Frank who was hidden by a Gentile family in Amsterdam during World War II. Anne later died in a concentration camp after being discovered by the Nazis.

Shown at the annual Purim Masque of the Anne Frank Foundation, held recently at the Beth Torah Synagogue, are, from left, Jadwiga Kaminsky, Joe Zajdfudem, Lucy Zajdfudem and Mike Weinreich. Proceeds went to the Anna Frank Haven in Kibbutz Sasa.

Prior to entering the seventh grade at the Anna Frank Haven, children from slum areas are taught proper hygiene and nutrition.

In the eighth grade complete amalgamation of the two groups takes place. All newcomers are adopted by kibbutz families and both groups interact through a program of training in the school and on the kibbutz.

The Anna Frank Haven offers academic and vocational training and is equipped with a metal workshop, science lab, electronics lab, home economics building, and arts and crafts workshop.

After-school activities include photography, dancing and ceramics. Retired ORT teachers often teach both school and after-school curricula.

A requirement for graduation is the submission of a research paper which is prepared under the tutelage of a staff member.

After graduating and serving in the army many students become members of Kibbutz Sasa and teach at the Anna Frank Haven. Others have gone on for further education.

Besides donations and the basics supplied by Youth Aliyah, the kibbutz must pay over $600 per child each year to keep a youngster in the school.

Enrolment is currently 160 children, and, according to Weinreich, funds are needed for new living quarters, extension of the school assembly hall and other projects.

Those interested in supporting the school should call Tamara Weinreich at 783-8167 or 698-1130.

The Anne Frank Foundation's mailing address is 98 Brookview Dr., Toronto, M6A 2K6.

Wingate life membership conferred on Keyfetz

TORONTO — Carl K. Keyfetz was honored recently at a dinner here where he was awarded a life membership in the General Wingate Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, originally known as the Jewish Branch of the Legion.

In making the presentation to the lawyer and leader of the Jewish community, Harvey Lister said Keyfetz became a member immediately following World war II in 1945, when he retired after serving as an officer in the RCAF. He also told of Keyfetz's help as legal counsel and advisor almost since the inception of his membership.

Further, as a member of the executive committee for some years, Keyfetz was instrumental in fostering the creation of the clubhouse on Eglinton Ave.

He is president of the Jewish War Veterans Memorial Park, a cemetery donated by the late D. Lou Harris.

Several years ago, he was also instrumental in the creation of a picturesque cenotaph in memory of the 420 Jewish servicemen who lost their lives overseas as part of the 17,000 Jewish men and women who served Canada during World War II.

His interest extends to the Jewish War Veterans of Canada, where he is an honorary national commander and judge advocate.

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D'Lugoff promises Jewish productions for Village Gate

New York-based cabaret opens branch in Toronto

By
BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Art D'Lugoff, an unofficial cultural ambassador to Israel, is opening a Toronto version of the Village Gate, his famous theatre cabaret in Greenwich Village, New York. It is in the former Talk of Toronto theatre on Sherbourne St. north of Carlton, a building owned by Club Harmonie.

As he surveyed extensive renovations to the interior including a new stage, to make if a more intimate cabaret, D'Lugoff told The CJN how excited he was about Village Gate and the prospect of taking an active part in the Toronto Jewish community — for he intends to live here about four months a year.

At the New York Village Gate he has played host to several Israeli prime ministers and other state dignitaries. His wife, Avital, a photographer, is a Sabra, and author of Shake Hands with the Enemy, chronicling experiences during a trip she made to several Arab countries on her U.S. passport.

Associated with D'Lugoff in the new Toronto theatre is his brother, Dr. Burt D'Lugoff, a physician on the staff of the Baltimore City Hospital, Sam Gesser, a Montreal impressario, Catherine McCartney-Brown, a local producer-agent, and her husband, Moses. D'Lugoff said he has taken a 15-year lease on the 3-storey Sherbourne St. building.

Art D'Lugoff is a legendary figure in the New York showbiz scene, having given a start at the Village Gate to Woody Allen, Richard Pryor, Dick Gregory, Pete Seeger and Miriam Makeba, among many others. Shoshana Damari and Yaffa Yarkoni were among Israelis he featured.

His manager once fired Dustin Hoffman as a waiter. "I also fired Al Waxman once when he was a waiter, but he talked his way into another job as a host."

The D'Lugoff brothers also operate Top of the Gate, at the same NY location and First City, also in Greenwich Village, which features a style of political satire made famous by the Second City Troupe, with which Art D'Lugoff was also connected.

In The CJN interview, D'Lugoff wanted to make one thing clear: Village Gate in Toronto is not a dinner theatre; it is theatre cabaret. Dinners will be available, however, in a redecorated room where the old stage was located. And he intends to serve the finest of meals.

Why did he make his move to Toronto at this time?

"Well," he replied, "this space became available, I had some quick consultations with my group of investors, and they agreed to go ahead." He had no comment to make on a report in The Globe and Mail that it took $500,000 from eight investors to swing the deal.

The opening show at Village Gate Toronto is One Mo' Time, which has just closed at the NY Village Gate after a 4-year run. It is a New Orleans musical about Black vaudeville in the 1920s and the original NY cast is here for the Toronto opening — a cast which gave a command performance for Queen Elizabeth when One Mo' Time played London for more than a year. There will be lots of toes tapping when this New Orleans jazz hits Sherbourne St.

A frequent visitor to Israel, he, Avital, and their children lived there for a year. The NY Village gate is a second home for many Israeli performing artists. D'Lugoff has advised Israel impressarios on a variety of projects.

He said there is a possibility that he will bring Israeli artists to the Toronto Village Gate and mentioned particularly Habreira Hativit (The Gathering), a group which plays Sephardic and Oriental music and which has performed in Montreal, Boston, New York and Chicago.

A klezmer group is another possibility, and so is a Yiddish musical from NY. "But," he smiled, "one step at a time."

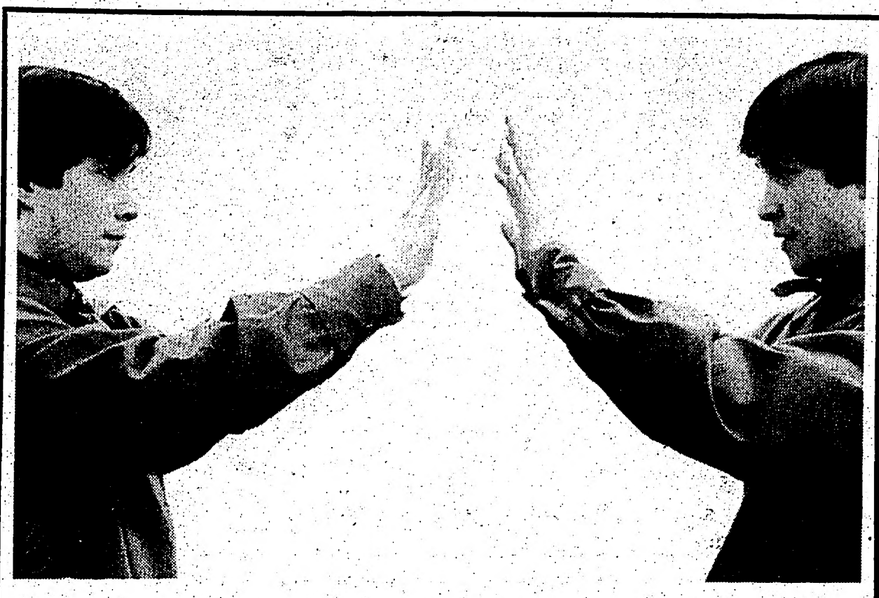
Two rooms on the second and third floor of the building are also being refurbished and D'Lugoff said he intends to make them available to Toronto communal groups.

In addition to bringing off-Broadway shows like One Mo' Time to Toronto, D'Lugoff is also looking for Canadian shows to take to New York and other places in U.S. He was the promoter who booked the Canadian revue, Love and Maple Syrup, into New York.

He is one of the principals in Village Gate Productions which, he said, intends to become active in the cable, movie and pay-TV scene in Toronto. At the moment it is producing a TV special on the NY Village Gate, which is observing its 25th anniversary.

Art D'Lugoff looks more like a Talmudic scholar than he does a producer of musicals and concerts. In fact, he and his brother are both graduates of the Flatbush Yeshiva in Brooklyn, where their father, a vacuum cleaner and sewing machine salesman, sent them for a quality education.

Art was employed as a lay cantor for a time. Then, in 1958, after earning degrees in both political science and English literature from New York University, he parlayed his interest in both jazz and folk music into a career. "It's a business you have to teach yourself," he said.



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Arts

French actor Robert Clary describes Holocaust experiences.

Television film depicts survivor's encounters at Holocaust gathering

By
TAMMY KAROL

TORONTO —
Robert Clary, who played the French prisoner in Television's Hogan's Heroes relived his own experiences as a Holocaust survivor in Remembrance of Love, a 1982 film shown recently on CITY-TV in Toronto.

The television production was originally telecast in the United States by NBC on Dec. 6.

Remembrance of Love is a romantic melodrama about a lonely, middle-aged New York widower who experiences an emotional reunion with the woman he loved as a teen when he travels to Israel to attend the World Gathering of Jewish Holocaust Survivors.

The French-born Clary, who was liberated from Buchenwald in 1945, attended the world gathering in Jerusalem during June 1981. In the film he is portrayed as a survivor and an organizer of the gathering.

Kirk Douglas plays widower Joseph Rabin, a survivor who is separated from his young wife Leah in a Polish ghetto during World War II.

After the war, Rabin emigrates to the United States but never learns what became of Leah (actress Chana Eden).

For many years he keeps his experiences during the war locked up inside himself and, assuming Leah is dead, marries a Gentile.

Although Rabin's son and daughter from the second marriage are aware that their father is a Holocaust survivor, they never learn of Leah.

When Rabin's wife dies in December 1980, the widower feels a need to find his roots and travels to Israel that summer to participate in the reunion of Holocaust survivors and learn what happened to Leah.

A chance meeting between Rabin and his first wife, who is now married to an Israeli, brings both of them in touch with their past.

After participating in the world gathering Rabin and Leah depart from each other and go back to their own countries, strengthened by their encounter.

Meanwhile Marcy Rabin (Pam Dawber), a journalist, learns of her father's experience during the war when she goes to Israel to cover the Holocaust gathering.

In Jerusalem she meets a tough Israeli soldier who educates her about the survivors and the struggles of his people. They fall in love, marry, and live in Israel.

Clary also sensitizes Marcy about the Holocaust and about his own experiences in concentration camps. At the end of the film Marcy comes to terms with her father's relationship with Leah.

In real life Clary has lectured about his Holocaust experiences at the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles.

Like Joseph Rabin he refused to talk for many years about his stay at Buchenwald.

His attitude changed when he saw a special on PBS-TV entitled Kitty: Return to Auschwitz. It touched him deeply.

In the film, Kitty took her son to Auschwitz and told him: "Thirty years from now we'll all be dead and people will be able to say anything they want about the Holocaust."

Clary realized that no matter how much pain it caused him to relive those horror-filled years, young people had to know what happened — for their own protection.

Allow more ritual participation for Orthodox women: author

By
ROSE KLEINER

On Women and Judaism, by Blu Greenberg. Jewish Publication Society of America, $11.95.

Blu Greenberg's On Women and Judaism is a book that should touch Jewish women the way Betty Friedan's book touched women in general.

Despite the now established feminist movement and the new feminist consciousness, there is one segment of Jewish women which has, to a great extent, remained removed from and unaffected by these developments, namely women in the Orthodox movement. Blu Greenberg, as a product of this community and as the wife of an Orthodox rabbi is well qualified to handle this very delicate issue for Orthodox women.

She does her job superbly in this daring, sensitive and well researched book.

Greenberg's book is daring because she takes on the highest authorities on Halacha today and admonishes them to make radical changes within the Halacha pertaining to women.

She urges long overdue changes in some of the most crucial areas of Jewish life — divorce, niddah, worship.

She shows that there is no reason why Orthodox women cannot become rabbis. She demonstrates how women, after their years of childbearing and caring for their young, would be able to assume more steady ritual obligations in the synagogue — arguing that if a woman can handle a medical, legal or other demanding profession, there is nothing to prevent her from assuming a more challenging role in synagogue worship.

Many traditional women, on the contrary, because of the added responsibility of a full-time career, plus family, might now be less inclined toward a larger role in synagogue life. Others, however, will naturally welcome an assertiveness in the synagogue which would be commensurate with their new roles in the professional world.

Greenberg's book is a sensitive work. It is sensitive in its challenge to Halacha and its rabbinic interpreters. This challenge is set forth with great determination, but also with great respect both for halacha and for its authorities.

Over and over she reaffirms her own faith in Judaism and in Jewish life, while not compromising on those changes which are essential, in her view, for the healthy development and growth of Jewish civilization.

Greenberg is also sensitive in her approach to the other movements in Judaism — praising Reform and Conservative Jews in areas where they have shown more initiative than the Orthodox leadership.

She is sensitive to the effects which her proposals will have on the male members of the Orthodox movement. She reassures them that no threat is on the horizon — that the untapped human potential which women possess can only enhance and enrich Jewish life.

She is aware that the changes will need time before they are accepted and that we cannot foresee all the consequences. But this must not prevent us, she asserts, from striving for those changes in Judaism which are so long overdue.

Greenberg is sensitive to the single woman's plight, putting forth one of her most daring proposals in this area. After many conversations with successful professional single Jewish women, whose prospects for marriage are dim, Ms. Greenberg finds herself ready to explore the idea of making motherhood a possibility for these women outside of marriage.

In her detailed, dignified and balanced treatment of niddah Greenberg is fully supportive of this ancient ritual. Yet she manages to point out with great care, but firmly, the areas where this ritual can be modified, within the boundaries of halacha, in order to accommodate more effectively the needs of today's women.

Greenberg's book is well researched. She is, of course, well read in feminist literature. She is also remarkably well informed in the Jewish sources, citing biblical, Talmudic and rabbinic passages with equal facility.

This is no doubt one of the reasons why Greenberg also stresses so much the importance of women studying Talmud. Over and over she reiterates the need for equality if a true spirit of community is to exist — both in ritual involvement and in the realm of Torah study.

Greenberg's book is sure to arouse controversy in Orthodox circles. Her suggestions may be unacceptable to many women as well as men. But one thing is certain, her book adds a refreshing viewpoint to the world of orthodoxy.

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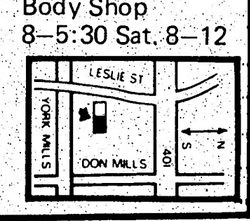

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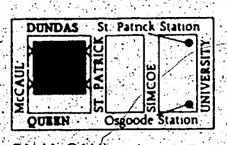

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Intricate 11-minute work

Gellman's Awakening slated for TSO Europe tour

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Toronto-born Steven Gellman's orchestral composition, Awakening, commissioned by the Toronto Symphony and the Ontario Arts Council, was premiered recently by the TSO at Roy Thomson Hall prior to being performed throughout the TSO's March European tour.

It's an intricately constructed 11-minute work meant to represent the awakening of light, love, life and order out of darkness, chaos, fear and death. A fairly long slow introduction gradually accumulates energy to emerge from darkness into light through means of a quickening tempo and frequent brass fanfares.

This calculated repetition and utilization of several set intervals and rhythm patterns [demonstrating Gellman's expert craftsmanship befitting his position as professor of music theory and composition at the University of Ottawa], is at the same time this piece's strength and weakness.

Strength, because, from a theoretical viewpoint, the conception and the execution of the conception is ingenious. Many of the patterns of orchestration, especially the opening string glissandos and the interweaving of the brass fanfares as counterparts of these glissandos which form a continuous thread throughout the work, are admirable.

Weakness, because Awakening is so perfectly constructed (almost like a computer program) that it lacks the feeling of sponteneous excitement that great music, especially something on this theme, should contain.

Gellman's rigid conceptual framework so inhibits the spirit of the intended emotions of love, light and life that all with which one is left as the final impression is a grand but grim order.

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In a much lighter vein, but with ample healthy emotion, is Sarah Rosenbaum's lovely continental-romantic night-club ballad Someone I Do Love Still, which has been taped and performed live by Bill Berle's orchestra featuring its regular singer, Ethel Aloni. They have also performed another song of Sarah's entitled My Soul is Aching.

Sarah was born in Poland and in 1939, her family, escaping Hitler, eventually landed up in Tashkent. She arrived in Toronto in 1948, and now, the mother of three children, plans to make aliya in the near future.

She is currently writing a musical based in a senior citizen's home in Israel. Such a topic should have a great international appeal, and Sarah is to be given all due encouragement in fulfilling this worthwhile project.

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Shabbat for Today, billed as a "modern folk-rock Shabbat service" by the American-Jewish composer Gershon Kingsley, should more properly be entitled Shabbat for 1971, the year it was written, because its musical style — the modified gospel-rock popularized by Hair and Godspell — has since peaked in popularity.

However, what is far more objectionable about this service, which was premiered in Toronto last April, is the song which is tacked on near the end: a hand-clapper entitled The World Keeps Rolling On' whose message of cynical nihilism contravenes not only the spirit of Oneg Shabbat but also the total Jewish ethical-world view.

Though the choice of material is unfortunate, the demanding performances required by the piece are a saving grace, especially if rendered by accomplished vocalists such as Cantors Benjamin Maissner and Ephraim Sapir who will appear as leads at its presentation at Pride of Israel on March 8 at 8 p.m. Rabbi Harold Lerner will narrate and the Holy Blossom Singers together with an instrumental ensemble will provide vocal and musical accompaniments.

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The overflow audience for the Uncle Moishy children's concert was a beautiful sight. However: next time, can the amps be turned down just a wee bit? At times the volume was very loud for those little ears.

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Prior to his Roy Thomson Hall debut, pianist Moses Hazan will perform at the Bloor JCC, Sunday, March 13, at 11.30 a.m.

Folktales collected by Elbaz marked by optimism, piety

By ARNOLD AGES

Folktales of the Canadian Sephardim, by Andre E. Elbaz. Fitzhenry and Whiteside, $15.95.

Until relatively recent times Canada's Jewish community was almost entirely Ashkenazi in origin and composition. Shortly after World War II, with the creation of the State of Israel and the resulting upheavals in Arab lands, a significant number of North African Sephardim made their way to Canada.

Most of these Canadian Sephardim came from Morocco, once the foyer for a large and culturally rich Jewish community. While the majority of Moroccan Jews went to Israel, a large contingent (almost 15,000) settled in four Canadian cities — Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto and Quebec City.

Prof. Andre Elbaz of Carleton University, mindful of the folkloristic legacies of the Moroccan Sephardim in Canada, spent a number of years visiting with this group and collected hundreds of their folktales. The professor is usually qualified to engage in this endeavor.

Aside from his own Moroccan heritage (nostalgically related in the preface) Elbaz commands all the languages in which the Sephardic folktales appear — French, Judeo-Spanish, Judeo-Arabic and, Arabic. He recorded the tales in their original language, reproduced them in French and the present text, an English version with illustrations done by Raphael Benchetrit and conveys, with elegant charm the warmth and piety of the Moroccan Jewish experience.

There are some major themes that permeate the collection of 80 stories found in the Elbaz anthology. The first thing to be noted is the intense religious atmosphere that hovers over the narratives. Many of the Sephardic folktales emerge from the biblical matrix; others concern the activities of wonder-working rabbis.

A second factor of note is the presence of Arab-Muslim influences. Moroccan Jews enjoyed a kind of condominium with Berbers and Arabs for more than a thousand years and it is not accidental that many of the folktales bear the imprint of that civilization. The presence of jinn (underworld demons that form part of popular Muslim folklore) in the Jewish stories is evidence of syncretism.

The third element which is common to many of the legends in the Elbaz collection is an overriding optimism in life. Beset by economic, political and religious problems and living as a persecuted minority, Moroccan Jews nevertheless retained a deep faith in their inevitable vindication. That faith is often expressed in good-humored self-deprecation.

Andre Elbaz has done monumental work in rescuing from certain oblivion a cultural heritage that Canada's Sephardim developed over centuries.

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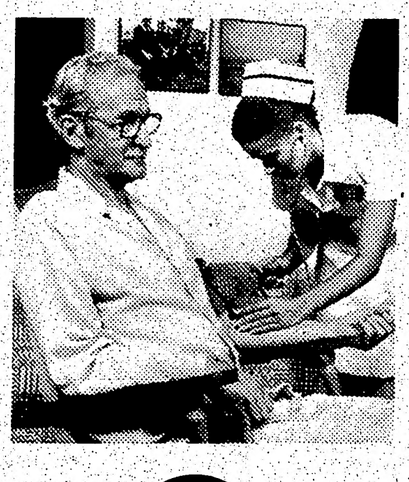

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Arts

Brush Strokes, by Gary Levine

First novel traces search for religious awareness

books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

Brush Strokes, by Gary Levine. Maznaim Publishing [paperbound].

The author of this brief novel — concerned with how a troubled young man discovers his Jewish identity and sets out to find God — is a teacher and writer who has lived in Toronto for almost a decade. He has taught at the United Synagogue Day Schools and has served as coordinator of student activities at the Associated Hebrew Schools and at the Community Hebrew Academy.

Brush Strokes, commissioned by the National Conference of Synagogue Youth, will have greatest appeal to thoughtful high school and college students.

As a result of a minor anti-semitic episode, in which he inadvertently plays a part, Paul Burns seeks out a sensitive and sympathetic traditional rabbi.

Reared in a home and environment completely devoid of Jewish knowledge or feeling, Paul begins, slowly but irresistibly, to question his assumptions about a universe without God or ultimate meaning. In the process he loses his bemused Gentile girlfriend and becomes estranged from his father.

Prof. Isadore Burns, a university mathematician, had kept all knowledge of his horrifying concentration camp experiences from his son. For the professor "the world is a graveyard and God digs the graves." In such an absurd universe the quest for God is futile and frustrating and "reason" is man's supreme good and value.

In the end, Paul discovers that God, whose existence cannot be proved, must be approached with both emotion and reason. "If it's possible by rational thinking together with non-rational feeling to reach a point where you can understand, even a little at a time, then it's possible to look for God. Maybe it's possible to find Him."

More religious tract than novel, Brush Strokes, nonetheless, manages to sustain interest. The plot is thin and the delineation of character inadequate, but there is enough spiritual and intellectual tension to stimulate and challenge the reader.

The author skilfully weaves apt Midrashic material into the story writes poignantly of Paul's unhappy encounter with his father, his warm relationship with hardworking Rabbi Richtig and of the troubled faith of the rabbi himself who must reconcile the loss of his precious child with a beneficent God.

In an afterword the author sums up the book's intent. "There is no one, single door that all people can open to let God in. Such an idea would deny, not only the uniqueness of each human being; it would deny that uniqueness of the relationship between God and each human being. When the Torah speaks of the need to love God 'with all your heart and all your soul and all your might,' it is emphasizing that a love of God must be the product of each person's own emotions and spirit and struggle."

Gary Levine has chosen to deal with an old, complex and difficult theological question. His approach is refreshingly undogmatic and helpful.

The book is available at Jewish bookstores in Toronto.

Sokoloff plays unlikely detective for both sympathy and laughs

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

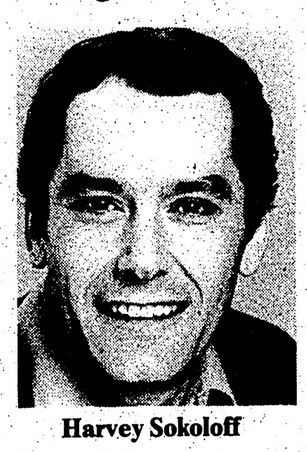
Harvey Sokoloff is a risk-taker.

As Julian Cristoforou, the improbable private detective in Peter Shaffer's The Public Eye at Solar Stage Lunchtime Theatre, he could collect a lot of safe laughs by focusing on the nuttiness in the role.

Alternatively, he could go for pathos — after all, the little man in baggy trousers and sneakers is a real, if peculiar, human being, full of thwarted affection and loneliness.

Instead, Sokoloff gambles on his ability to play Cristoforou both ways. In the confines of a 1-act play, it's a difficult balance to achieve, but watching Sokoloff reach for an interpretation that goes beyond caricature is fascinating.

It's typical of Sokoloff to shun the safe route. A native of Toronto, he left the University of Toronto after three years to go to England — and graduated from drama school



Harvey Sokoloff

as best actor of his year.

Several years later, back home and teaching grade 5 to support his family, he decided to turn his 39 inner-city kids loose in a free, open classroom. Says Sokoloff with a grin, "It worked. The biggest bully turned into my greatest ally."

His intelligent good looks would make playing a diplomat or a lawyer seem natural, but he revels in the challenge of character roles. "There is something special about exposing characters you've seen, using yourself as the clay," he explains.

Solar stage is running The Public Eye as part of a repertory series, back to back with Twinkle, Twinkle, by Ernest Thompson, the author of On Golden Pond.

Sokoloff, who had extensive experience with a repertory company in England, believes this type of theatre has a special appeal. Audience loyalty builds because "people want to come back and see the same actors in totally different roles. That is the art of the actor. That is the magical transformation."

Toronto Story Theatre, Sokoloff's own company, toured Metro schools last year. He insists that "you must keep the standards up" in both lunchtime and school theatre, because "they create the audiences of the future."

And what of Sokoloff's own future?

In a notoriously unstable profession, he feels secure. His acting career is mushrooming — recent roles include that of Lou Daniels in Tribute at Calgary's Stage West — and he is full of plans for devising a style for his Story Theatre that will appeal to adults.

"We're capable of all things," he says cheerfully.

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Travel

With tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and crocuses

Holland is one vast flower garden until mid-May

By
JAMES MONTAGNES

AMSTERDAM —

The flower shows start in Holland in March. From now to mid-May the country is a vast flower garden, with tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and crocuses. But all summer long until well into the fall there are flowers to see and buy in open markets throughout the Netherlands.

On the shores of what was once the Zuyder Zee and is now known as Ijssel Meer, the first flowering bulbs appear late in February. There is a Westfrisian Flora Exhibition at Bovenkarspel near Hoorn. And when you are tired of seeing these early spring flowers, you'll want to explore Hoorn, a one-time major seaport.

This travel writer found Hoorn a jewel of a small town dating back to the Middle Ages when it was at the peak of its importance. The town hall on the main square with its ornate carvings and coat-of-arms, is a museum piece in itself.

The small houses with their glistening windows are hundreds of years old.

Here is a fortress-like gate still standing as you enter Hoorn. Once it was the entrance to the town and locked at night.

In March the crocuses burst into flower. Rotterdam has a flower show in mid-March. The city is Europe's busiest seaport, has some of its most modern shopping malls in areas completely rebuilt since they were bombed during World War II.

I toured the harbor with its teeming shipping from all over the world. For an overall view the Euromast, a small version of Toronto's CN Tower, is the best spot in town. You can have your coffee while looking out from high over the busy harbor and the heavy traffic on the streets below.

Towards the end of March, it all depends on how the winter has been, the biggest flower show of all opens at Keukenhof, not far from Amsterdam. This is the show, where if you forget to bring a camera, you will be sorry forever.

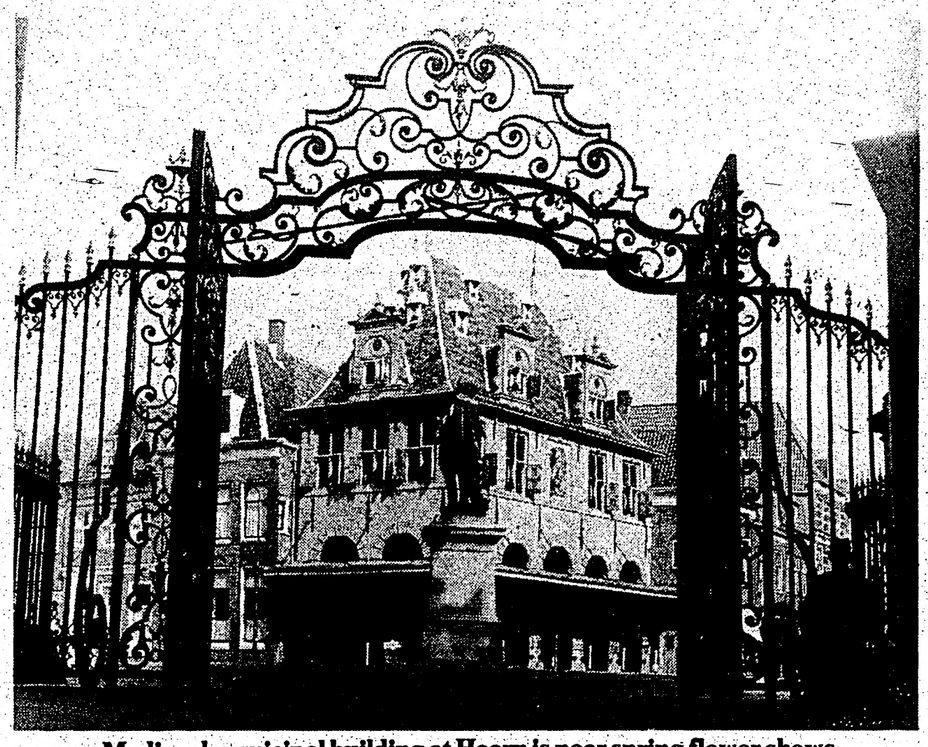
A 60-acre park near Lisse has hundreds of thousands of tulips and other spring bulb flowers on display in fields, ornamental gardens and acres of greenhouses. I walked for hours through the gardens to see the thousands of varieties of tulips, some of which originated in the 17th and 18th centuries.

The show is open till mid-May, has ample parking space adjacent to the flower fields, and can also be reached by train and bus from most Dutch cities.

Almost the entire area from Haarlem to the Hague is a mass of flower fields in spring. This is where the flowers are grown to produce bulbs for export throughout the world. There are flower shows at Bloemendaal, Limmen, Hillegom, Sassenheim and Soesjdijk where there is a royal residence.

At Aalsmeer, just outside Amsterdam, there are daily flower auctions, open to the public. You can watch the bidding from all parts of Europe for fresh-cut flowers. The air smells sweet in the auction hall as the crates of fresh flowers are opened for the bidding.

In May lilacs are the major flower at shows at Wassenaar and Aalsmeer. In late May and June it is time for the rhododendrons with shows at many spots including Hoorn, where Kaiser Wilhelm II spent his exile after World War I.



Medieval municipal building at Hoorn is near spring flower shows

There are also flower shows at The Hague, official capital of the country and home of its parliament and the International Court of Justice.

In between visiting flower shows, spring is a good time to see Amsterdam before the summer crowds arrive. There are many fine museums with art of the Middle Ages. Most Rembrandt paintings will be found in the Rijksmuseum, a gabled palace in the city's centre. Modern art has its own museums such as the Stedelijk Museum.

No one should come to Holland without tasting Dutch and Indonesian dishes at the numerous inexpensive as well as luxury restaurants in most cities.

The concert halls of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague are always busy. And for the children, if they come along, there is the famous Amsterdam zoo Artis, and at The Hague a miniature model of Holland in Madurodam.

Jewish visitors will be especially interested in a visit to the 300-year-old Sephardic Portuguese Synagogue in the city's centre, the only synagogue saved during World War II, as it was proclaimed by the Dutch government a national monument. The synagogue sits in the middle of a walled complex, the walls being small buildings housing libraries, schoolrooms and administration areas.

There are many synagogues throughout Amsterdam, The Hague, and many cities throughout Holland, as well as organizations, schools, bookstores and kosher restaurants.

Jewish Quarter walking tour "most rewarding"

By
ORNA BEN AMI

JERUSALEM —

A walking tour to the Jewish Quarter in the Old City in the eastern section of Jerusalem should prove most rewarding to tourists.

The Old City, which has a surrounding wall, is divided by its inhabitants into the Moslem, Christian, Armenian and Jewish Quarters, where each community concentrated on its own religious facilities. Generation upon generation of Jews came to live, and sometimes die here.

Schatz sculpture

Originally, the main Jewish community was the Sephardic community. Even today, we find remnants of ancient Sephardic synagogues such as the Ramban (1267), the Yochanan Ben Zakai, and others. We can see, too the reconstruction of the Karaite Synagogue and the "Hurva," may be the oldest Beit Midrash in Eretz Yisrael.

The Ashkenazi Jews came to Jerusalem during the 19th century due to conditions in Europe, and built among others, the Habash Synagogue.

The wall and the ancient stones could bear witness to the many years of struggle for survival while the Jewish Quarter was being continuously attacked and destroyed. In 1948, during the War of Independence, the last remaining Jews left the Quarter for a period of 19 years, to return in June, 1967 with renewed hopes for the future. Restoration began, the Jewish Quarter was revived, and a new era began....

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At the Israel Museum, another chapter in the history of Israel is on exhibit, "The Works of Bezalel — 1906-1929." This exhibition will continue through until June.

The Bezalel School for Arts and Crafts, named after the first Hebrew craftsman, the biblical Bezalel, was founded by the romantic visionary, Boris Schatz, in 1906.

The exhibition includes more than 1,500 items which were produced in Bezalel's various departments. The objects display the local style that was created at Bezalel's 30 departments, and expressed in specific subjects such as views of the land of Israel, Zionist personalities and symbols, biblical and Midrashic themes, different ethnic types, pioneering life, the Hebrew letter and more.

The works in the exhibition are from the Israel Museum Collection and on loan from numerous collections in Israel and abroad.

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Dates back to Spanish Inquisition

Barbados community, down to 17 families, hangs on

By
SHEILA DROPKIN

BRIDGETOWN — Barbados —

The Jewish community of the Caribbean island of Barbados now numbers only 17 families, a sharp decline from a once-thriving and numerous group which dates its residence here back to the Spanish Inquisition.

Diminished by intermarriage and emigration, the community was active in all phases of Barbadian commerce. Jews are credited with having brought the Dutch windmill with them when they arrived in 1654 from Brazil, in the earliest days of sugar manufacturing.

Rose Altman, proprietor with her son James of Altman's Department Store in the capital city of Bridgetown, is the acknowledged dean of the Jewish congregation. It is her phone number that is provided in the island literature for information on Friday evening services at the Tru Blue Synagogue in the parish (governmental, not religious) of Christ Church and it is her name that's suggested as the resource person for everything the visitor might wish to know about Barbadian Jews.

German-born and New York-reared, Mrs. Altman has lived in the Caribbean for about 40 years. She willingly answers questions while serving customers in her store.

Until last year, religious services were conducted in her home. However, the congregation rented and then purchased the Tru Blue cottage which is distinguished as a house of Judaism only by the large Star of David banner hanging in the front window.

"Swan Street in Bridgetown used to be called Jew Street," Mrs. Altman explains, "and an alleyway in the city is still called Synagogue Lane because that's where the original synagogue was located.

"Our congregation is called Tru Blue because that was the name of the cottage we bought. Many of the larger cottages and homes bear names in the English manner and a number of them reflect the Jewish origins of their first owners or builders."

Guest rabbis are invited for the High Holidays. Rabbi Stuart Rosenberg of Toronto officiated in 1981 and Rabbi Solomon Domb led the services last year.

Hebrew and bar mitzvah lessons for the island children have been provided by adults who have the background and by records. The Altmans sent their children to the Hebrew Academy in Miami. Others did the same, selecting that school or others in the U.S., Canada or England.

The Altman daughter, now married with a family of her own, lives in Thornhill, a Toronto suburb.

Residents who wish to observe kashruth must import their food. However, many of the packaged and canned items in the supermarkets are imports from the U.S. and Canada; quite a few are kosher.

Altman proudly boasts that two "hometown boys" are now distinguished physicians in Canada — Dr. Paul Steinbeck, a neurosurgeon in Vancouver, and Dr. Philisdorff in Hamilton.

Barbados was part of the British Empire since 1625 and became an independent nation within the Commonwealth in 1966. The first known inhabitants were the Arawaks, a race of South American Indians who lived on many of the Caribbean islands. About 90% of the current population of 260,000 is of Afro-West Indian origin, 5% is white and the remainder are mixed.

Canadian influence in Barbados is strong. Most of the larger banks have branches here, the airport and radar installation were provided by Canadian interests, at least one of the larger resorts (Rockley Resort) is managed by Royal Trustco and several of the smaller factories have been financed by Canadians.

Because of the very strong Wardair promotion this year, most tourists are from Canada.

Several of the resorts, including the 5-year-old Rockley and newer Southwinds, are a combination of timesharing and hotel, with many of the timeshare participants also from Canada.

The two major industries are sugar cane and tourism. The residents realize that their income is largely dependent on the welfare and happiness of the tourists and most go out of their way to make you feel welcome. Normally placid and friendly, they change completely into Drs. Frankenstein when behind the wheel of a vehicle — the roadways are very narrow and winding. Vehicles are supposed to be on the left and the speed limit is supposed to be 30 miles per hour; the driver who sticks to these restrictions is the exception rather than the rule.

Taking a drive, whether by bus, taxi or private car is literally a hair-raising experience.

Barbados is pear-shaped; 21 miles long and 14 at its widest point. The west is on the Caribbean, where the water is calm and smooth. The northeast side is on the Atlantic, with the ocean continuously in frantic motion and the landscape rugged and often awe-inspiring.

While some of the beaches are disappointing, the visitor with a car can easily find a stretch to his or her liking.

Some hotels and inns are located on the beach, but the entire waterfront is open to the public and the National Conservation Commission is empowered with its maintenance.

Although the sun can be brutally strong and the visitor is wise not to play tennis or golf between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the temperature rarely goes above 88F and continuous breezes make lying at the pool or on the beach very pleasant.

There are many restaurants serving local, North American and continental dishes (even pizza and Colonel Sanders chicken), so one need never go hungry.

Moreover, the supermarkets are fully stocked and even carry many brand-name items which are found on the U.S. shelves but not in Canada.

Local fishermen will sell you their fresh-caught fish and clean them for you. Simply grilled or fried, they comprise a delicious and low-cost meal. The two most popular types are flying fish, which is usually fried, and dolphin, which the visitor is assured is **not** of the Flipper variety, but rather is a local fish bearing the name.

Barbados boasts over 100 hotels, guest houses and apartment rentals, varying from very posh and costly to quite modest.

Comedian Jackie Mason will entertain at Passover at Eden Roc.

Eden Roc deal for Passover

MIAMI BEACH —

Miami Beach's Eden Roc Hotel is inaugurating a kosher Passover holiday package at the oceanfront resort, according to Tibor Hollo, owner, and Charles Schlakman, chief executive officer.

During the March 28 - April 5 holiday season an Orthodox synagogue will be provided at the Eden Roc for daily services, and three freshly cooked, gourmet glatt kosher meals will be served each day plus daily tearoom snacks. All meals will be prepared under the rabbinical supervision of National Kashruth, Rabbi Jacov Lipschutz, president.

Two traditional seder services, featuring an Orthodox cantor and entertainer Jackie Mason, and a full schedule of daily activities and entertainment are included in the package, under the supervision of Eden Roc social director, Deborah Wilson.

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But that doesn't mean there's a lack of accommodation here. There are more than 200 hotels, with some 6,500 rooms, from luxurious to reasonable. Some are resorts in themselves, with golf courses, tennis courts, restaurants and nightclubs and spas. Some are small and are the height of luxury; others are places to bring kids, dogs and a modest budget.

In the interests of travel research (and through the courtesy of the Palm Springs Convention and Visitors Bureau), a CJN staffer stayed at three hotels recently and if they are any example of what the others in Palm Springs are like, well . . . look for a delightful stay here, whether for a few days or a long stretch!

The hotels discussed here are in the over-$100 price range (double occupancy). Two of them, the Palm Springs Spa and the Sheraton-Plaza, are right in the heart of the city and only a few minutes away from the airport; the Biltmore is a couple of miles from the downtown area.

All three hotels have huge beds — seemingly larger than king size. Probably the Hollywood and Playboy influence.

The Spa is the highest building in Palm Springs — five storeys. Its special feature [besides comfortable rooms] is its "oasis of health," the large health club area. As a guest of the hotel, your room rate includes the following facilities: whirlpool, mineral bath, rock steam, vapor inhalation room, cooling room and gym — all at no additional cost, plus, of course, the regular pool.

On Tuesday and Thursday the Spa features, for guests, A Day at the Spa, which runs from 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. including lunch. The program includes a brisk aerobic walk, discussion on Fitness and Your Figure, exercises and other spa delights, all for $38.

There are also various beauty treatments offered on an individual basis plus exercise and dancersize classes. A deluxe 45-minute massage, bath and gym is priced at $22.50; a 1-hour facial including hands and feet is $25; a 1-hour skin analysis and makeup is $25.

Although the food is fairly expensive at the Spa, you can do well at dinner time with daily $8.95 specials.

The 263-room Sheraton Plaza, the city's newest and largest hotel, is a 3-storey structure spread over 13 acres, which includes a large pool area. Most impressive is the 2-storey skylighted lobby in the form of a glass-cased atrium.

Rooms are spacious, have dressing tables with theatrical lighting, and large baths with thermostatically - controlled showers. All accommodations have furnished patios or balconies and at least four original art works.

The guest soap is of imported Spanish glycerine containing mineral salts from the hot springs on the Island of La Toja.

Recreational facilities include six night-lighted tennis courts, and golf privileges are available at a number of nearby clubs.

Afternoon tea is a feature in the Terrace which is an all-day restaurant with fairly reasonable prices, especially the dinner specials.

For those who watch their dollars more carefully and who want Jewish-type food, Buddy's, a deli and restaurant is right across the road from both hotels, with dinner prices running from $5.95 and up.

Let's drive a few miles now on Palm Canyon Drive to the Biltmore Hotel, operated by Richard and Robert Levin. Built in an era when privacy was most highly valued, the accommodations at the Biltmore consist of 72 individual cottages and bungalows, many with kitchens and fireplaces. These are luxuriously clustered on 12 magnificent acres of carefully manicured lawns, citrus trees [we picked our own grapefruit and oranges for breakfast] and an authentic country club atmosphere.

There is an Olympic size pool, tennis court, pitch and putt golf, shuffleboard and table tennis. Arrangements can be made for golf nearby.

The Biltmore promotes itself as "a bed and breakfast inn," which means you get a full American breakfast as part of the room rate. The 1000 East Restaurant, which is part of the complex, features a great Sunday champagne all-you-can-eat brunch at $11.95 which includes a complimentary Bloody Mary or Screwdriver and "a bottomless glass of sparkling champagne."

All in all — three first-rate hotels meant for comfort, relaxation and resort fun, with top-notch food.

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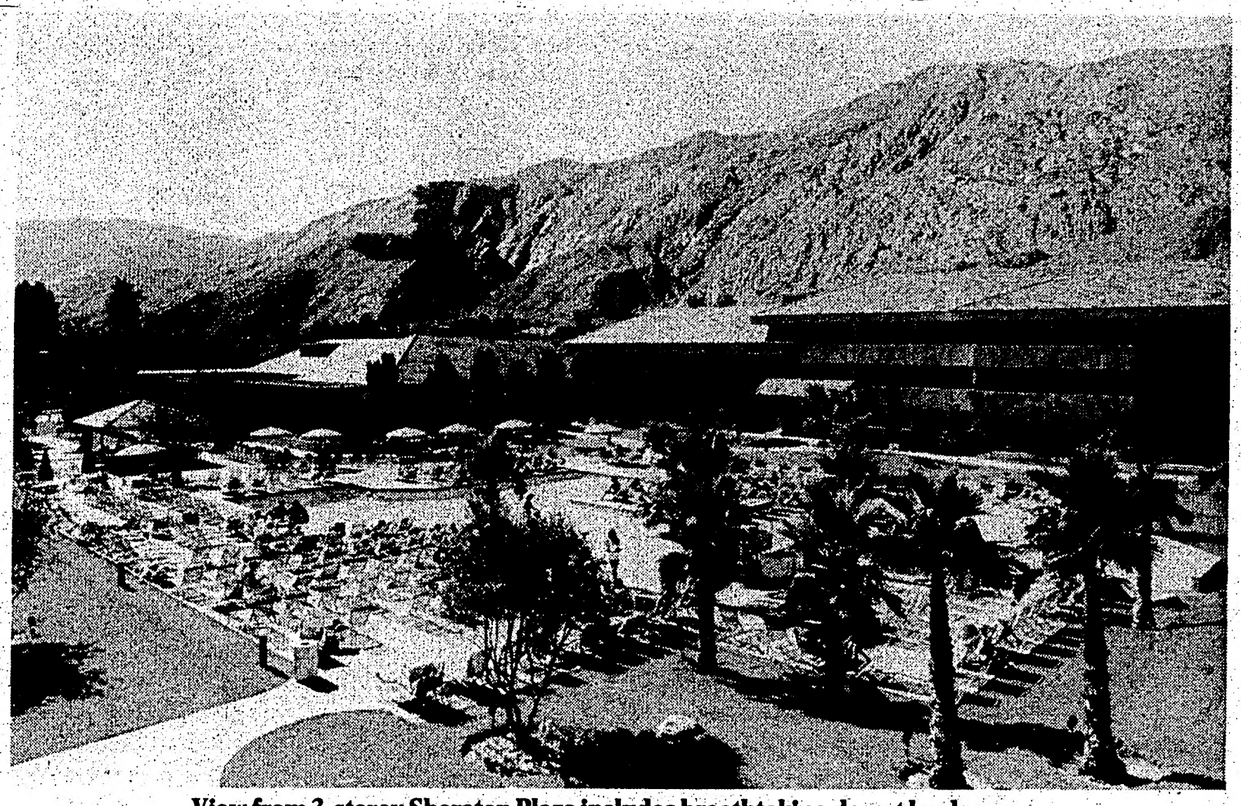

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By FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

She knows of one man who lost 25 pounds by following the 14-day Lean Cuisine plan. But Donna Hennyey hastens to add in all honesty that he shed the excess flab over a period of six months while the fellow was also attending regular exercise classes.

Clearly, Donna Hennyey, a slim, 139-pound, 5-foot-9 dietitian, with an MA degree in dietetics from University of Toronto, is not given to hype about the magic of miracle diets.

In fact, she even hates that term, "going on a diet."

"It's such a negative phrase, suggesting self-denial, going hungry, doing without," she says. "And it implies a gimmicky shortcut, allowing you to slip back into your bad eating habits when you're through, instead of the need to change your lifestyle."

Which is why you are inclined to believe her when Hennyey describes what you can achieve with Lean Cuisine.

Donna Hennyey

It's a new line of 10 single-serving, frozen entrees, ranging from fillet of cod fish seasoned with spinach and laced with sherry (200 calories) to zucchini with lasagna noodles layered with cottage cheese, mozzarella and Italian sauce (260 calories).

The calorie-controlled servings, each fewer than 300 calories and packaged in easy-to-prepare plastic pouches or trays, have been put together by Stouffer's.

It took the food processors 10 years of research to develop the new product line for the weight-conscious. The company also designed a nutritionally - balanced, 14-day Lean Look plan, providing about 1,200 calories on each day's menu. A Staying Lean or Maintenance plan provides about 1,600 calories a day.

"You can lose two to three pounds a week if you follow the plan," says Hennyey, who serves as Stouffer's dietitian - spokesperson. "But, to be realistic about it, we don't expect people to dine on a Lean Cuisine entree daily for the rest of their life after they've completed the 14-day plan.

"We hope it'll be a beginning to help them change their habit patterns."

What's the secret of the diet that doesn't call itself a diet?

Hennyey, who is also nutrition consultant for the Fitness Institute in Mississauga, says the plan's formula is simply this: "You have to make a commitment to proper eating habits plus regular exercise. The two go hand in hand. When you exercise, you sleep better, feel stronger, and are more likely to resist slipping back into bad eating habits."

Though Stouffer's can't give you the discipline to stick to its Lean Cuisine plan, it does offer you valuable tips in a free booklet called The Lean You, available if you write to LEAN, P.O. Box 624, Oakville, Ont., LSJ5B4.

These are hints to help you avoid temptation and stick to the diet:

- Don't shop for food when you are hungry, or without taking along a prepared list. Hungry feelings make for fattening grocery orders.
- Keep a boring refrigerator and cupboard. Store tempting foods in opaque containers or on high shelves.
- Whenever possible, avoid eating alone. Conversation prolongs a meal and makes it more enjoyable.
- When eating at home, always eat in the same place. Eat sitting down, and make your table setting as attractive as possible. Avoid distractions like talking on the phone or watching television during meals; they make eating a reflex instead of the pleasure it should be.
- Eat slowly and chew your food carefully before swallowing. It takes time for food to reach your stomach. If you give it time to catch up, it will register "full" on less than if you eat quickly. And, you will appreciate the flavor and texture of your food more when you take the time to enjoy it.
- Eat three "regular" meals each day, so that high calorie snacks are less tempting. Don't skip meals.
- Drink a glass of water before each meal. This helps to decrease your appetite.

And here are exercise tips:

- If you have not been exercising regularly, start gradually. Establish an ultimate goal of 30 minutes of exercise at least three to four days per week.
- Vary your routine. Remember that brisk walking can burn up as many calories as running. It simply requires twice the time.
- Cultivate an interest in sports that provide good exercise. Some newly popular sports are racquetball and cross-country skiing.
- Remember that music makes exercising more enjoyable. Put on your favorite records or turn to a lively radio station and create your own "routine." You can even buy exercise records.
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
- Park further away from your destination than you normally would and walk.
- Jump rope or use an exercise cycle as rainy day/indoor alternatives to jogging or running.
- Encourage a "buddy" to exercise with you. The time will go faster and you will enjoy it more.
- Listen to the wisdom of your body. If you are exhausted or very sore after exercising, you are overdoing it. Slow down or you'll become discouraged.

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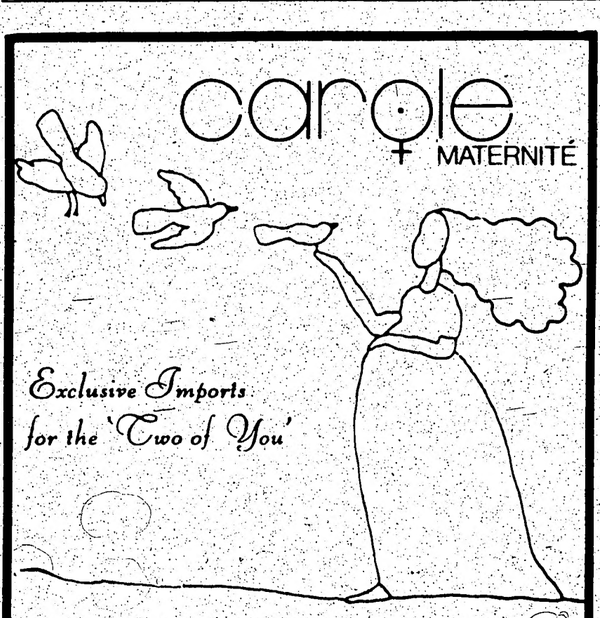
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Planning a traditional wedding? here is what you should know

By CYNTHIA GASNER

Tradition, as Tevya said in Fiddler on the Roof, is the element that gives the Jews that certain different flavor. It applies also to this delightful picture of a modern wedding held in the old-fashioned Jewish style.

TORONTO — **"People who matter won't mind. People who mind don't matter."**

That old Jewish saying refers to old friends not being slighted when you're making up a guest list or seating plan for a Jewish wedding.

If you're planning a wedding, there are a lot of other old-fashioned Jewish folk rites and customs you may want to keep in mind.

What's the biggest change in traditional Jewish weddings today?

According to Rabbi Henry Hoschander, spiritual leader of Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, young couples are more likely to marry between the age of 25 and 27 rather than 20 or 21, as in the past. He also noted that there are fewer weddings, which he attributes to the new lifestyle.

"There seems to be a decrease, too, in the size of weddings," says Hoschander. "This is due to several factors, especially the cost of a wedding today."

Traditionally, on their wedding day, a Jewish bride and groom are regarded as a queen and king, and the processional is their entourage.

Jews are taught that marriage is considered the ideal human state. The marriage ceremony, dating back to the Talmudic period, was performed in two parts.

Originally, there was a 12-month period separating the two ceremonies. Today, both parts take place simultaneously while the bride and groom stand under the chupa (canopy).

The first ceremony is "kiddushin" or betrothal and the bridegroom gives the bride an object of value. If she accepts it, they are betrothed.

The second part of the ceremony is "niisu" or chupa — when the bride enters the groom's house. Today, the bride is led under the canopy which is symbolic of the groom's house.

The signing of the "ketubbah" (wedding contract), which is in Aramaic, takes place before the wedding ceremony. Another ceremony, known as "bedeken de kale" (Jewish for covering the bride with a veil), is also performed before the ceremony by Orthodox Jews. The guests sing and dance, accompanying the groom as he weaves his way to his bride for the veiling ceremony.

At the wedding ceremony, a custom among Ashkenazim, and still observed by some brides, is walking, alone or with the two mothers, around the groom, seven times. Seven constitutes totality as the world was created in seven days, and the number 7 is the symbol of the total dedication of one for the other.

In some traditions, the bride walks around the groom 3 times, based on a prophetic statement.

A plain band is given by the groom to the bride and placed on her right index finger. Several explanations have been given for the unadorned ring. Most commonly accepted is the symbolism of a union of two people, represented by the wholeness of the wedding band.

The wedding ceremony often includes the invocation, a short address by the rabbi, the two glasses of wine, the Sheva Brochot and the reading of the marriage contract.

The culmination of the ceremony is the crushing of a glass by the groom with his right foot. This signals the happy sound of "mazel tov" by all the guests.

The breaking of the glass is explained as a moment of seriousness which Jews practice even on happy occasions. It is symbolic of the destruction of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem in the year 70 C.E., and a reminder to work for the rebuilding of Zion.

The festive meal, which traditionally follows the ceremony, is classified as a "seudat mitzvah" — a religious feast.

It is a great mitzvah to make the bride and groom happy, and in some cultures the guests perform and entertain the newlyweds.

At traditional weddings — and becoming more popular at most weddings, following the ceremony — the bride and groom are lifted up on chairs by their friends and family, who sing and dance with joy.

There are a number of other customs practiced by observant couples. The couple will fast on the day of the wedding until after the wedding ceremony. The bride and groom refrain from seeing each other for one week preceding the wedding.

Seven days of feasting are observed after the wedding by Orthodox Jews. This custom and the reciting of the "Sheva Brochas" at the seven feasts, originated with Jacob, who had a 7-day banquet when he married Leah.

It is no longer a hard-and-fast rule that the bride's family pays for the major portion of the wedding. More — and more "machatoonim" (parents of the bride and groom) see the wedding as "our children's simcha" and the cost of the wedding is agreed upon depending on the size, the financial position of both families, and their mutual agreement.

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Luxury car market riding high– European imports selling best

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham sedan

TORONTO — Despite a sputtering economy, the luxury car market is riding high, and the European imports are the chief beneficiary of this nationwide trend.

Canadians are buying the best from General Motors, Ford and Chrysler — cars like Cadillacs, Lincolns and Imperials — but they are turning increasingly to Mercedes, Audi, BMW, Volvo, Saab and Jaguar.

The Europeans are doing well because fuel economy, engineering, quality, value and understated elegance are casting aside glitter and size as buying motives, say experts.

In fact, European (and Japanese) imports now account for 52% of the upscale market, according to The Financial Post.

French manufacturers like Peugeot and Citroen and Italian and British firms like Alfa Romeo and Rolls-Royce are not without clients in Canada. But, compared to Mercedes and Volvo, their sales are negligible.

Literally a handful of Canadians can afford driving machines like the Aston Martin Lagonda, Ferrari Mondial 8, Lamborghini Jalpa and the Maserati Quattroporte 11, the prices of which can stagger the imagination. For the purpose of this survey, they are not included.

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At the recent Toronto International Auto Show, a browser had the opportunity to examine over 500 cars, representing 37 manufacturers/distributors in 12 countries.

Focusing his attention on the creme de la creme of the lot, he began with the Cadillacs, long synonymous with luxury.

For 1983, all Cadillac engines are fuel-injected, which translates into more power and superior gas economy. Cadillac's lineup includes the Cimarron, its small front-wheel drive sedan, the DeVille, the Fleetwood Brougham and the Seville.

Cadillac base prices run from $15,000 to $30,000.

Chrysler's Imperial is $24,000, while Ford's Lincoln 4-door town car is $22,000. Oldsmobile's Regency goes for $19,000, and Buick's Riviera convertible is $34,000.

Mercedes, which expects to dispose of 3,000 units this year, sells its eight models anywhere from $28,000 to $67,000. Five of them are diesel-powered, and metallic paint is now a no-cost option on all models but the 240D — the bottom-of-the-line car — which Road & Track says offers "economical driving mixed with Mercedes status."

At the Auto Show, the 380SEC sport coupe was the priciest, listing for $67,000.

The Audi 5000 Turbo lists for $27,000, but the 4000 model is considerably less. Audi's Quattro, a sports car, runs to $47,000.

One of the advantages of an Audi is that its owner gets a card which entitles him or her to free service, repairs and tuneups for three years — a deal no other manufacturer appears able to match.

BMW, one of Mercedes' main rivals, has five models in North America. The 320i, which accounts for about two-thirds of sales, is the least expensive at $17,000. The 528E is $29,000, the 533i is $33,000, the 733i is $40,000 and the 633CSi is $45,000.

All but the 320i and the 633CSi coupe have 4 doors, although the 320i plans to introduce a 4-door model in 1984.

Like Mercedes and Audi, BMWs are well built and elegantly finished.

Volvo, for the first time in 15 years, has a new car — the 760GLE, retailing for $25,000. Road & Track describes it as the company's "stylish flagship." Standard equipment includes automatic climate control, cruise control, heated front seats and foglights.

For thinner pocketbooks, Volvo has DL, GL and GLT models, which, in terms of design, are stodgier than the 760GLE.

Saab, Volvo's Swedish competitor, has the 900 and the 900S — both of which are in the same price category as BMW's 320i. The Turbo, however, is $25,000. Of the Turbo, Road & Track says: ". . . they manage to combine a highly pragmatic approach to esthetics with the kind of performance that warms the hearts of enthusiastic drivers."

After years of declining sales, the Jaguar has picked up, and is well on the way to restoring its old reputation for solidity and reliability. This $40,000 plus automobile, which is available in two models, seems tailor-made for drivers who thrill to a smooth, quiet, nimble and yet powerful ride. The leather-and-walnut interior is probably the last word in luxury.

Last year Rolls-Royce, which may be the world's most prestigious car, sold just under 100 units in Canada . . . and no wonder. The Silver Spirit is $153,000, the Silver Spur is $165,000, the Corniche $206,000 and the Camargue $224,000.

Porsche, the German sport car producer, has models from $32,000 to $78,000. Peugeot, which did not even bother to display any of its cars at the Auto Show, can be bought for between $17,000 to $27,000.

Although Japanese automakers are not usually associated with the luxury car market, they're in it as well.

Toyota's sleek sports car, the Supra, which has generated favorable reports, retails for $17,000, while Datsun's 2X2+2GL sports package is $25,000. Datsun's $15,000 sedan, the Maxima, offers customers all but two options as standard equipment — 2-tone paint and a sunroof.

Japan as yet cannot challenge Europe as a producer of luxury vehicles, but the day may not be far off.

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Advice to newlyweds:

Share the task of decorating home

By HEATHER SOLOMON

MONTREAL — **New husbands and wives must be partners in decor as well as in life, according to interior design consultant Aurelien Georges Guillory. "Often a husband will say, 'You do it, dear, but keep the expense down,' " says the designer. "They must spend some time shopping together."**

That is rule number one in a game plan calculated to keep newlyweds on an even keel as they develop a mutually satisfactory home environment.

Louisiana-born, 41-year-old Guillory has been practicing his profession in Montreal for 10 years in association with various design firms and for the last two years on his own.

He was one of 20 top Quebec decorators selected to design a room of the Manoir Ronald McDonald at St. Justine's Hospital, he broadcasts at CJAD on consumer education in home decorating, and is currently planning a pilot for a TV show on his metier.

He is well-known to the Jewish community as a consultant and as a long-time lecturer on interior design for the Saidye Bronfman Centre School of Fine Arts. At his headquarters, Atelier Aurelien, 3237 St. Antoine St. in "Westmount plus bas," Guillory agreed to proffer some expert advice to newlyweds.

"The first place the couple should head is to stores where there are model rooms set up such as Eaton's, The Bay, Roche-Bobois, Pascal, Chateau D'Aujourd'hui," he lists. "Sit down in them and soak up the atmosphere."

Once preferences begin to emerge, arm yourself with a few essentials: a floorplan, however rough, listing the measurements of the major walls, especially corner to door and a list of what you both consider priorities. "Have some good arguments about it," advises the designer.

The first instinct is to furnish a bedroom, says Guillory, but hold back on that costly headboard and lavish drapery. "Spend your money on the best quality mattress," he suggests.

"Don't go for a king size. Queen size is perfectly adequate and you don't want to lose each other! And it's a big mistake to buy a set or suite of furniture for any room because I can guarantee that within five years your tastes will change. Not only that, but it is passe to have everything match. It's like ordering through a catalogue."

Try a metal frame for the mattress. An inexpensive but lush arrangement of decorator pillows looks just as luxurious as a headboard and use a plisse sheet on the wall behind the bed with a matching duvet. An unpainted chest of drawers can later be moved to the children's or storage rooms.

Deciding on color for a bedroom is a simple matter, insists Guillory: "I believe that colors affect the personality. Ask yourself if you'd like to sleep on a cloud [airy, light colors] or in a cosy cave [deep, rich hues] and go from there." For bedroom lighting, opt for good quality reading lamps with dimmers for atmosphere.

On to the living room. Guillory's advice is to purchase a sofa first around which you can decorate the rest of the room. Choose one that truly attracts you and has passed your personal comfort testing.

Look for quality in the frame: dowelled hardwood with coil springs, not zigzag "and if the salesman doesn't know the difference, walk out of the shop."

A sofa frame should last at least 20 years; the upholstery and cushions can always be remodelled to a new style. And avoid an oversized 8-footer.

A pair of loveseats is infinitely more versatile, especially if one is a hide-a-bed that can accommodate visitors.

Be wary of modular or bisectional sofas. The components must be armless and able to angle in various formations or you may not be able to fit it into another home if you move.

A clever idea for lamp tables are stereo speakers topped by a disc or rectangle of plywood and draped with cloth [it will not distort the sound]. Wicker and steamer trunks also function as tables and storage for small living quarters. "Living room furniture can be moved to the den, study or rec room when you want dressier pieces later on," says Guillory.

As for carpeting, the designer prefers area rugs which can be sent to the cleaners and easily lifted for a move. Never buy banal ready made drapes — rather, hang bamboo, roller blinds or decorative sheets until a room comes together. While shopping, always carry swatches from what you've already bought — never trust the colors to your memory.

In the dining room, spend a little more for comfortable dining room chairs and use a door set on folding banquet-table legs for a table; camouflage with expensive cloths.

If a full set of chairs is beyond your means, buy the two armchairs now and use 'invisible' plexi folding chairs for the remainder which can also double as auxiliary living room seating.

On budgeting: "Remember, you're to see how much effect you can get with how little money. If you have $5,000, spend $1,000 on an investment piece such as a China cabinet, painting or antique rather than have everything mediocre with the same money spent. The item will set the tone, style and color scheme and give an initial impact. You can upgrade the rest from there."

On gifts from parents: Don't accept furnishings. Take the cash. You'll have enough disagreements over your own tastes. "If you are bringing your own furniture with you," Guillory adds, "make it some kind of marriage with the use of upholstery and paint."

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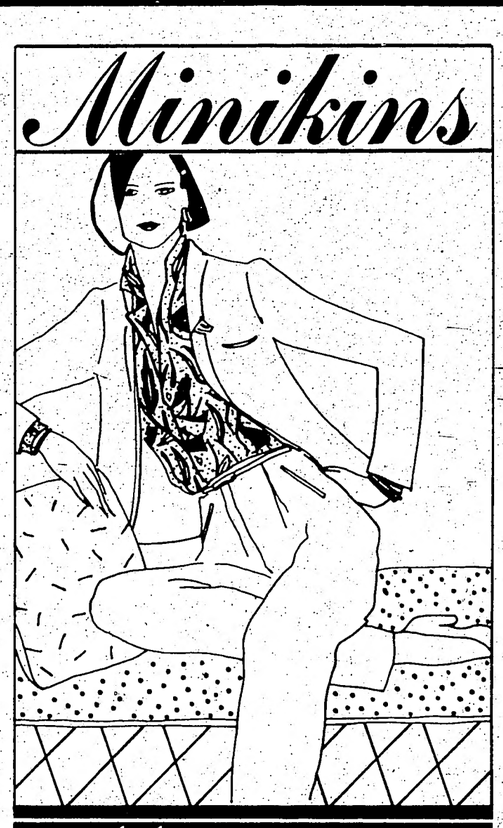

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It's almost endemic

Tennis elbow: excessive strain on muscles

By
DR. JOSEPH LEVY

Hardly a cocktail party passes that I don't hear someone bring up the topic of their "tennis elbow." It is almost as popular to be afflicted with tennis elbow as it is to actually win a tennis match.

All kidding aside . . . tennis elbow has become almost endemic among weekend jocks who play tennis, squash or racquetball.

What is tennis elbow? It is caused by excessive strain on the muscles of the forearm which attach at the elbow. These muscles produce forward and backward movement at the wrist.

The pain is usually where the muscles attach below the elbow joint.

Tennis players suffer from two types of tennis elbow:

(1) **FOREHAND TENNIS ELBOW** — Common in professional players. Stems from the wrist snap in booming serves. Serving strains the muscles that bend the wrist. These muscles attach to the inner side of the elbow and consequently the pain occurs at this site.

(2) **BACKHAND TENNIS ELBOW** — common in novice or weekend jocks. Comes from hitting backhand strokes incorrectly (usually hitting ball too late, with fully extended arm). A backhand stresses the muscles that straighten the wrist. These muscles attach on the outer side of the elbow.

When you first develop pain in your elbow, stop playing tennis. Apply ice to injured area for periods no longer than 20 minutes. After pain has disappeared — which may take a few days or several months depending on severity of injury — begin the following exercises. [Perform each twice a day.]

FOR FOREHAND TENNIS ELBOW — Lay your arm flat on a table, letting your hand extend over the edge, your palm facing up. With a 5-pound weight, flex your wrist 10 times. Rest for 10 seconds and repeat five times.

FOR BACKHAND TENNIS ELBOW — Lay your arm flat on a table, letting your hand extend over the edge, your palm facing down. With a 5-pound weight, flex your wrist 10 times. Rest for 10 seconds and repeat five times.

Additional conditioning is useful:

Horizontal Arm Swings — Starting position — small side stride stand, a 5- or 10-pound weight in each hand, arms raised directly sideward to shoulder height.

Slowly swing the arms forward in a horizontal plane, continuing until each arm has progressed across the other and is carried as far as possible.

Arms are extended but elbow joints should not be locked.

Return slowly to the starting position, carrying the arms horizontally as far back as possible. Repetition of five with 10-second rests are recommended.

Tennis is a sport that places great stress on the muscle groups of the forearm and wrist. Regardless of whether you play tennis on the weekends or every day, a carefully designed program of exercises is a must in order to prevent the onset of any serious injuries.

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Kligman story on CBC show

TORONTO —

Noiach, a radio play based on an excerpt from Paul Kligman's autobiographical novel, It All Ends Up In A Shopping Bag, will be aired on CBC's Saturday Stereo Theatre March 12 at 7.05 p.m. EST.

Kligman, a 60-year-old actor, comedian and storyteller, has once again gone back to his North Winnipeg Jewish roots for a humorous flashback to the Depression.

Noiach concentrates on the relationship between Kligman's father, Moishe and his business partner, Noiach, who set up a grocery business in Winnipeg's predominantly Jewish and Ukrainian north end in the 30s.

The two are almost complete opposites: Noiach is a genial bear of a man, happy-go-lucky but lazy; Moishe is more businesslike and cautious. In the peddling business, Kligman says, they were referred to as Mutt and Jeff.

Noiach has an old truck which they use to deliver fruit and vegetables and eventually the operation gets under way. But the partners disagree and go their separate ways. Years later, Noiach comes to Moishe's funeral and tells his son Paul how badly he feels about their breakup.

The story of these two immigrants' struggle in difficult economic times has relevance during the recession of the 1980s. Their often thorny relationship is feelingly portrayed by Kligman himself as Moishe and Henry Ramer as Noiach.

Kligman's niece, Marcia Cash (Libby Morris' daughter), plays Paul's aunt Toby.

Also in the cast are Nonnie Griffin as Ma; Rex Hagon as Paul; Irene Pauzer as Gitel and Spiegel; Alfie Scopp as Nimorov; and Arch McDonell as Katchuk. Original music is by Lucio Agostini.

At the moment Kligman is working on a book of anecdotal humor.

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Rachel spends three hours daily twirling baton

sports scene
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Rachel Bower and baton twirling have grown up together.

When Rachel was 4, her aunt, a former University of Toronto majorette, bought her a baton as a gift. Seven years later, Rachel is a baton twirling champion with over 750 medals, trophies and ribbons in her collection.

Last year, the Sports Federation of Canada officially recognized baton twirling as a sport. And in the sport's first year of recognition, Rachel Bower became a national titlist for the first time.

Competing in Regina last July against 15 other top twirlers from across the country, Rachel took first-place honors in the 9-11 years age class to become the 1982 Juvenile Canadian Majorette Champion.

This August, if all goes well, the 11-year-old, grade 7 honor student from Burlington may be off to Milan, Italy to compete in the World Twirling Competition as one of three junior baton twirlers who will be representing Canada.

As is evident, Rachel Bower took to twirling like a startled bird takes to flight. At the tender age of 5 she began taking her first lessons. One year later, the fair-haired, green-eyed young lady had already won the novice and intermediate Miss Majorette of Ontario titles.

Paired with older sister Karen [she's 12], Rachel won the Ontario Duet Championship in 1979 at the age of 8, and two years later became the youngest-ever recipient of the Canadian Parade Corp Leader of the Year award. Finally, before sweeping the nationals, Rachel won the 1982 Juvenile Ontario Majorette Championship in a competition held last May at the Thornhill Community Centre.

Rachel Bower's success is a combination of hard work and a love affair with twirling.

She's a shy, demure girl in conversation (she seems to blush at just the thought of talking about herself), but her passivity dissolves in competition. Her mother, Lee, who with husband Klaus runs a small drapery firm in Burlington called Drapes 'n Spreads, labels her daughter an "aggressive" competitor who seems to thrive on the pressure of performing.

For Rachel, who insists she "likes twirling all of the time," the competition is something of a cathartic experience — a chance for her to "be myself." But ego doesn't seem to be a motivating factor; she appears moved by a desire to please — a need to excel.

"When people are watching," she says, "I want to do well."

Lee Bower says twirling has helped endow her daughter with some important qualities. "Rachel is a good sport," she says. "Both a good loser and a good winner." Twirling, Lee adds, has given Rachel poise, discipline and confidence.

None of the silverware or maturity has come without effort.

Working on her own and with coach Kim Jenton, Rachel spends from two to three hours a day honing her routines and technique. Classes in ballet, jazz and piano complement her twirling routines which contain elements of dance and are carefully choreographed to music.

Jenton and Rachel work out the dynamics of her routines after the coach has selected the music — mostly classical — that she will use in competition. From there on the name of the game is practice, practice, practice.

To incorporate new moves into her repertoire and perfect them may take anywhere from one to two years of diligent work.

As Rachel has grown into twirling, so has the sport grown up around her. Popular and well-accepted in the United States for many years, twirling is just beginning to draw significant interest in Canada.

Recognition by the Sports Federation has been the first important step in legitimizing the "sport." And organized under the Twirl Canada Federation, competitive standards for judges and performers have become more defined and uniform.

Twirlers are divided into divisions — novice, intermediate and advanced — and age classes. Competitions are split into two exercises — twirling and strutting — with marks accumulated going towards the competitor's overall total.

Strutting is a routine executed to march music in which the performer moves in a T-pattern while never allowing the baton to be raised or thrown above the head. Judges look for flexibility, precision, grace, showmanship and difficulty of maneuvers in scoring.

Twirling scores are based on difficulty, creativity and constant flow of movement of the baton. Body lines, down to a finger being out of place, are noted by the judges.

Rachel Bower is looking forward to further success in baton twirling and says she would like to pursue it as a teacher or a judge after her competitive days are over. A twirler's peak age is between 18- and 19-years-old, so Rachel has a long way to go. She has already succeeded where many others have failed. According to Lee Bower, only 10% of twirlers ever make it to the advanced level.

But what about all the work? How does an 11-year-old handle it?

"It's easy to do," Rachel Bower insists, the blush rising to her peaches - and - cream cheeks. "I love it."

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A goal by Montreal La Place's Mark Dichter at about the five minute mark of the first overtime period lifted the Quebec club to a 3-2 victory over Toronto Shoppers Blue in the recent B'nai B'rith national hockey tournament championship final.

Trailing 2-1 in the third period, the Toronto Blue club, which had knocked off Toronto Shoppers White 3-2 in the semi-final round, fought back to tie the score. They came close to winning it all during the end-to-end overtime action as Toronto players twice hit goalposts before Dichter counted the winner.

La Place had advanced to the final by drubbing Winnipeg Stingers 7-3.

11-year-old Rachel Bower, national baton champion

"It couldn't have been planned any better if you had wanted to write a script. The game had everything. It was as good a hockey game as you could ever want to see," said tourney chairman Morrie Frydberg in describing the final, which was played at the Thornhill Community Centre.

Discussing the 8-team tournament in general, Frydberg was equally enthusiastic. "I want to stress that I was very pleased with it. The calibre of hockey was very high, the out-of-towners had an excellent time and the spectator turnout was surprisingly good," he said.

Toronto Blue goalie Evan Fogel was outstanding in earning the tourney's most valuable player award. La Place's Tom McCarthy was given honorable mention in the MVP voting.

Complete results and coverage of the tournament will appear in next week's Sports Scene.

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Although the BB's national tourney pre-empted games in the Toronto league's A Division, there was action in the B and C Divisions. (Apologies to readers of last week's column who were incorrectly informed that the tourney pre-empted all local league games.)

In B Division play, Leonard Mayzel Black Hawks continue to fly high as they victimized two Toronto Freedom Lodge teams recently. Hawks downed TFL Miners 6-1 and later nipped TFL Rangers 3-2.

Maccabiah Beavers also had a successful week, dumping Rangers 5-4 and tripping Don Mills Axemen 2-1.

Elsewhere in B Division, Judea Greenhorns skated past Maccabiah Jets 6-4; TFL Feathers topped Upper Canada Capitals 4-3; Canyon Kings beat Forrestdale Flyers 5-3; and Forrestdale Sting registered back-to-back wins by upsetting Don Mills Developers 4-1 and Don Mills Axemen 4-2.

In C Division, TFL Plumbers skated to a hard-fought 2-2 draw against Mixed Devils; TFL Maple Leafs had to settle for a 2-2 tie when Maccabiah Weiss Guy's Jerry Wiseblatt scored the equalizer with 41 seconds left to play; Mixed Red Wings doubled Devils 4-2; and Canyon Old Timers blanked Red Wings 5-0.

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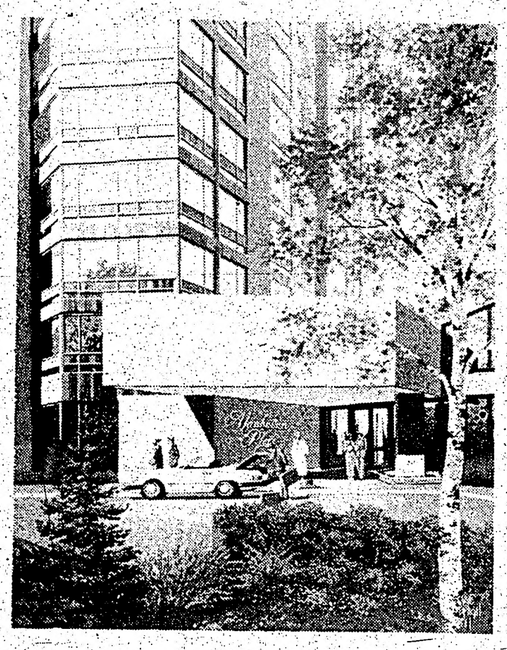

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Green, Dora on February 16, 1983, late of 107 Kennard Ave.
Sacher, Tillie on February 21, 1983, late of 6 Replin Rd., Apt. 204.
Schacter, Moses on February 20, 1983, late of R.R. #5, Colborne, Ontario.
Scherer, Gertrude on February 21, 1983, late of 80 Antibes Dr., apt. 1003.
Swartz, Samuel on February 19, 1983, late of 639 Woburn Ave.

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Harry Freeman on Feb. 9, 1983, late of 595 Brookdale Ave., #201, Tor.
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Harold Leslie on Feb. 6, 1983, late of 34 Hawarden Cres., Tor.
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Eva Horwitz on Feb. 17, 1983, late of 136 Dunblaine, Tor.
Irene Moses on Feb. 15, 1983, late of 77 Regina Ave., Tor.
Beatrice Sheman on Feb. 17, 1983, late of 535 Sheppard Ave. W., #1207, Dwns.
Louis Sherman on Feb. 19, 1983, late of 133 Torresdale Ave., #1105, Will.
Vera Sholchet on Feb. 13, 1983, late of 650 Briar Hill, #602, Tor.
Seymour Sukerman on Feb. 15, 1983, late of 2600 Bathurst St., Tor.
Calo Taranto on Feb. 20, 1983, late of 3560 Bathurst St., Tor.
Sydney Wilson on Feb. 14, 1983, late of 65 Heathdale Rd., Tor.
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David Laikin and his recent bride, Eva, celebrate their nuptials in Beersheva.

Career change could solve economic woes

By HILARY HORLOCK

TORONTO — The recession has hit the job market hard, making the security of a professional degree a questionable commodity.

David Laikin, a Toronto insurance salesman and former lawyer, may have the answer for those professionals who are having trouble finding a job in their field.

Laikin switched his career in mid-stream — from a lawyer to an insurance salesman with the Manulife Insurance Co. — ten years ago. He says he's in good company.

"There are many other professionals in the insurance industry — engineers, nurses, doctors, teachers and accountants. I became a lawyer because of family pressure, but it was not something I really wanted to do, so I switched to the life insurance business after three years of practicing law," says Laikin.

A family with three members who were doctors put a lot of pressure on him to become a doctor, he says. But, being squeamish about such things, Laikin chose to become "a Jewish doctor who can't stand the sight of blood — a lawyer."

After practicing for three years, Laikin decided he wanted to switch to another career — anything, as long as it wasn't law. He chose the insurance business because he fancied himself a "pretty good salesman."

"I was always a good salesman, even as a youngster. On tag days selling apples, I would always win the prize for collecting the most money," he recalls.

"When I was 16, I worked in a store in London, Ontario called Novack's. At the age of 16 I was making $75 a week and the manager, who was 45, was making $90. Even though I was their top salesman, because I was a part-time worker they couldn't pay me any more," boasts Laikin.

In choosing the life insurance business for his career switch, Laikin says he was looking for a business that didn't require much capital, but provided limitless opportunities.

"In the life insurance industry, there is only your time and ability involved. It is as financially rewarding as you want to make it," says Laikin.

He cautions that the life insurance business is not for everyone. Only outgoing, personable people who are willing to face the possibility of rejection need apply.

"Selling insurance means that you constantly have to meet new people and be pleasnat to them. It also involves a lot of studying to keep current with changes in the law, especially income tax," warns Laikin

Laikin says his law degree has "opened doors" for him in the insurance industry.

"On average, the general public has a negative view of the life insurance salesman. But when people learn that I am a lawyer (Laikin keeps his accreditation, although he doesn't practice), they tend to have a more favorable approach to me," he says.

The biggest difference between law and selling insurance says Laikin, is one of status.

"As a lawyer, people come to you, but as an insurance salesman, you must go to the people. I enjoy that difference, but many professionals don't. They have a difficulty accepting the risk of rejection. I think this is one of the toughest adjustments a professional from another discipline has to make," says Laikin.

Laikin does much of his business with the Orthodox Jewish community, a result of a chance meeting with commodities broker Al Friedberg in 1970. An Orthodox Jew, Friedberg has recommended many of his friends to come to Laikin. Laikin says he is a devout Jew himself, and respects the Orthodox community.

"I'm sensitive to their needs. I know not to do business from Friday at sundown to Saturday at sundown. They are a strong, close knit group and I respect them," he says.

Laikin says he is actively involved in the Jewish community, doing a variety of volunteer work for the Holy Blossom Temple and Operation Lifeline Anatoly Scharansky. His volunteer activities have died down, however, since his marriage last October at the age of 39 to a former Israeli woman.

"It was a real fairy tale. I knew her for four days. We met when she was here visiting an aunt and uncle. She went back to Israel and I followed. The next time I went to Israel, we were married in Beersheva," Laikin explains.

Liakin advises anyone thinking about the insurance business as a career to talk to people in the business. Don't hesitate to call them up and ask them questions, he says, because it's the only way you'll find out anything.

There is more to the insurance business than just selling insurance, says Laikin. He has become known as a specialist in the area of structured settlements, an annuity-type payment used instead of lump sum payments in cases such as matrimonial disputes, or malpractice cases.

Laikin also has a partnership in Financial Monitoring Services, a company that invests money in guaranteed funds such as guaranteed investment certificates or trust companies.

Laikin's final word to prospective insurance salesmen is that selling insurance is not a job, it is a career.

"This is absolutely not a job. This is a business as an agent, where your income is totally at risk. You earn money by commission only, so 'no tickee, no laundry.' You have to treat it as a career, not a job. You've got to be dedicated."

300 attend North York meeting

Parents' group to fight drugs grows rapidly

By
PATRICIA RUCKER

TORONTO —

For Natalie Wexler and Michelle Noar, the fight against drug abuse by school-age children has just begun (see CJN Feb. 17).

Their own children are no longer users, but their decision to let other parents, the schools and the media participate in their private battle has changed their lives.

Parents Against Drugs (PAD), the organization they founded two months ago, is no longer an informal support group, meeting in members' living rooms. As a result of extensive media coverage, it has a membership list in the hundreds — and growing.

The Wexlers and the Noars are receiving accolades from various groups fighting drug abuse. Fred Burford, a retired secondary school principal and president of the Council on Drug Abuse (CODA), finds "something very special about these people."

Constable Bob Cove, a community relations officer with Metro Police 33 Division, says "they've gone beyond dealing with their own problem . . . they feel a real sense of community responsibility."

And as a jubilent Bernie Wexler told 300 parents at a meeting at York Mills Collegiate last week, "the North York Board of Education is supplying us with an equipped office for our work."

The evening meeting for parents was only one event in a day-long workshop presented by York Mills in co-operation with CODA and Parents Against Drugs.

Norman Panzica, senior consultant to CODA and the author of the soon-to-be-released Your Teen and Drugs, had spent the day in the school, addressing students and staff at assemblies, in group meetings . . . and sometimes one-to-one.

At midnight, exhausted and hoarse, Panzica was still talking to a small group of anguished parents as the custodial staff tried to clear away the coffee cups.

These parents — and their children — are the people for whom the Wexlers and the Noars have put their families' privacy on the line. Why did they go public? "It was about time somebody did something," Natalie Wexler exploded. "We're four gutsy people who **cared**!"

The caring includes a parent support system, whose volunteers are carefully screened, according to Michelle Noar. "Nobody can work on it unless they have had a problem or are professionals."

Drug use cuts across all ethnic and socio-economic boundaries, but use among youngsters from groups with a strong regard for tradition — like Jews — reflects a loss of roots, according to Panzica. Drug users typically have low self-esteem, but "when you know where you are coming from, you have a sense of 'me-ness,' " he explains.

Strong parental involvement is one way of restoring the child's self-esteem by demonstrating that "he's important . . . that what she does makes a difference," Panzica said.

In keeping with Panzica's ideas, PAD is activist and uncompromising. In a newsletter to parents, they insist that "thinking you can deal with your child's drug problem alone, cut off from other parents or the school, is demanding the impossible of yourselves."

According to Panzica, there are no soft drugs. "The most dangerous drugs are the ones you're not afraid to try," he told the parents, and PAD "will not condone any illicit drug use whatsoever," its newsletter proclaims.

The message seems to be getting through to parents. Within minutes of the end of the York Mills meeting, Bernie Wexler had the 25 volunteer "core parents" he had asked for. After participating in a 4-session training program, they will contact all York Mills parents who have signed up with PAD and will act as liaison between them and the school.

"The obvious next step," said Wexler, "is to open up dialogue with the students."

With the success of the pilot project at York Mills, PAD is optimistic that other schools will decide to run similar workshops. The interest is there — one group of parents came to York Mills from Thornhill and calls have come in from as far away as Montreal.

Further information on membership can be obtained by calling [416] 743-8172. Parents who believe that they may have a problem can call the Parent Support System at [416] 444-8141.

Helps disabled children

Easter Seal campaign sets goal of $2,750,000

TORONTO —

The Easter Seal Society, a voluntary agency speaking and acting on behalf of physically disabled children, is holding its annual fund raising campaign this month to help the disabled.

John Butler, co-ordinator of the Easter Seal Campaign reports that the agency's objective is set at $2,750,000.

The campaign ends on April 3.

More than 6,500 children up to age 19 are served by the Easter Seal Society, formerly known as the Ontario Society for Crippled Children.

A staff of 36 district nurses, qualified in rehabilitation and public health, visit children in their homes and arrange treatment and other needed services. Referral of older children is made to an appropriate adult agency.

At the request of local medical societies the Easter Seal Society sponsors annual diagnostic and consultant clinics in northern Ontario and owns and operates five summer camps.

The Easter Seal Society, a voluntary organization of 236 service clubs, needs more than $8 million during 1983 to maintain its services to physically disabled youngsters in Ontario, according to Butler.

Besides the annual Easter Seal Campaign, other fund raising activities include a Snowarama, the Timmy Tyke Hockey Tournament, Al Balding's Golf Week for Timmy, and bequests. The society is not a participant in the United Way and receives very little government funding.

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